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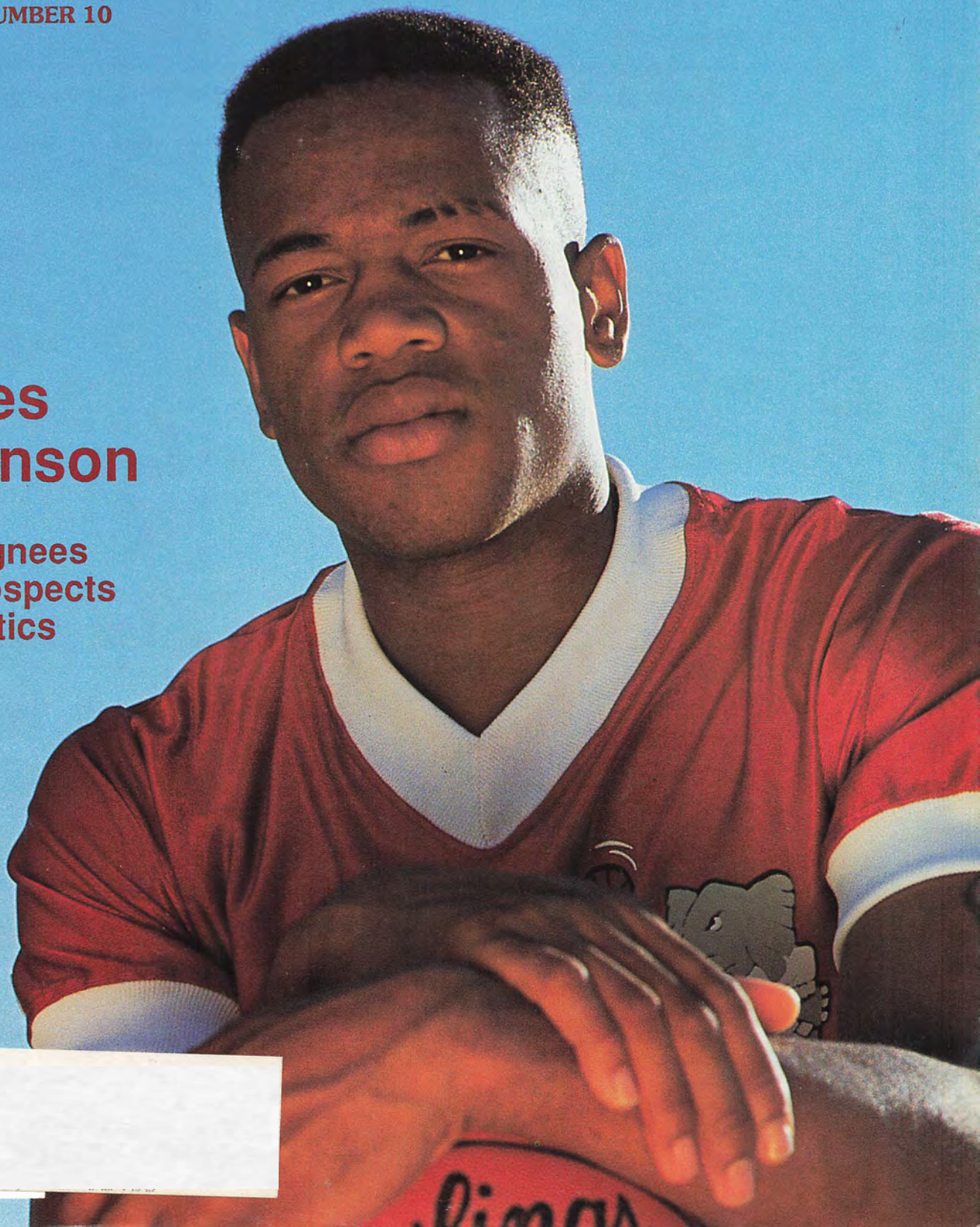
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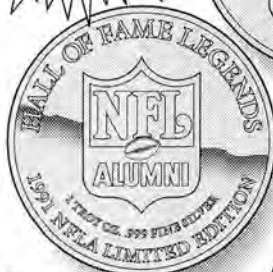
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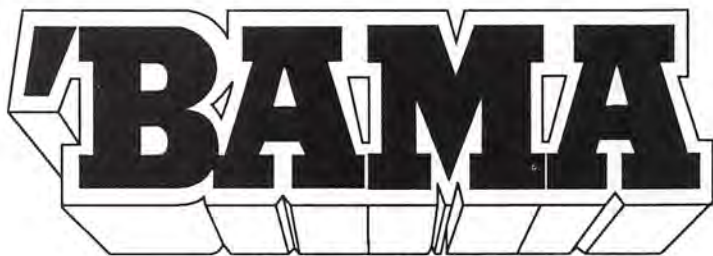


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Football Honors

Alabama football players have picked up a number of honors this year with one regular season game and the Blockbuster Bowl still to be played.

Each week the Southeastern Conference selects offensive and defensive players of the week. Robert Stewart won the defensive award for his performance against Georgia, while Antonio London got it for his play against Tennessee. London and Antonio Langham shared the award from *College & Pro Football Newsweekly* for the Tennessee game.

Every time a game is televised there are awards. ABC presents a Chevrolet Player of the Game award to one player on each team in its games. Bama's winners this year are Danny Woodson vs. Georgia, Siran Stacy vs. Tennessee and Antonio London vs. LSU. ESPN picked Siran Stacy as Alabama's player of the game against Florida. And WTBS selected Stacy Harrison for his performance against Mississippi State, a game in which he was also cited by *Sports Illustrated* as Defensive Player of the Week.

Toyota selects a player for a Leadership Award during games on ESPN during prime time. This year George Wilson was selected for the Alabama-Florida game. Not to be outdone, Honda selects a player for a Student-Athlete Award and Tobie Sheils got that one during the Tennessee game. The general scholarship fund of The University benefits to the tune of \$1,000 on each of the television awards and the automotive awards.

Bama has picked up another \$800 from *Touchdown Illustrated* and AT&T with a new program, the Long Distance Award. Each week the player with the longest pass play, run, punt return, kick-off return, punt and field goal is recognized and a \$400 award made to the school. Chris Anderson took the honor the first week of the season with his 96-yard run against Temple, and David Palmer picked it up for his 90-yard punt return against LSU. There is not an award for longest pass interception return or Bama would almost certainly have another for Mark McMillian's 98-yard interception return against Chattanooga, perhaps another for Tommy Johnson's 92-yarder against Tulane.

More Football

Three Alabama football players already know they are going to be playing more football after the Tide's Blockbuster Bowl appearance on December 28. Tailback Siran Stacy, nose tackle Robert Stewart and fullback Kevin Turner have been selected to play in the Japan Bowl. Senior Bowl squads will be announced soon. At

one time it was thought that five Alabama players might be selected for the Mobile classic. However, that number may have dropped to four since one of the five was quarterback Danny Woodson, who is from Mobile, but who has been on indefinite suspension for an undisclosed rule violation. The Senior Bowl is expected to take Stacy, Stewart, Turner and linebacker John Sullins.

Extending The Record

Alabama's appearance in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl on December 28 from Joe Robbie Stadium in Hollywood, Florida, will be the Crimson Tide's record 44th appearance in a bowl game. Next closest to Bama in appearances are Texas and Southern Cal with 33 each and neither of which will be bowling this year.

Bama is also the all-time leader in bowl victories with a 23-17-3 record. Southern Cal has 22 bowl victories.

Alabama has also closed the gap on Texas a bit in the all-time winning race. Going into the season Alabama had amassed 658 victories, fourth best among major college teams, and has picked up nine more as of this writing (with Auburn and the Blockbuster Bowl left). The Tide trailed Texas by 12 games going into the year, but as of this writing Texas has a 5-4 record (with Baylor and Texas A&M to play), so the Tide had picked up four wins and trails the Longhorns by only eight games, 675-667. Alabama has stayed 12 wins ahead of number five Penn State, which as of this writing had one more loss than Bama, but the same number of wins having won an extra game in the Kickoff Classic. (Penn State still had Pittsburgh and Tennessee left to play.)

The all-time major college leader in wins is Michigan (721 with Ohio State and Washington remaining), followed by Notre Dame (stuck on 700 after back-to-back losses and with Hawaii and Florida to play).

Bowl Payoffs

This year the Blockbuster Bowl will pay \$2.5 million to its participants, Alabama and the Big Eight representative. That is an increase from \$1.6 million paid to the teams (Florida State and Penn State) in the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl last year.

While Alabama is in the Southeastern Conference and therefore shares its bowl revenue, the increase in payment is nevertheless important to Bama. For bowl games paying \$2 million or more, the participating SEC team gets to keep \$700,000 plus 20 per cent of the balance. For participation in a bowl that pays less than \$2 million, the SEC team keeps \$500,000 plus 20 per cent of the balance. Therefore, with a \$2.5 million

payoff Bama will get \$1,060,000, while last year's payoff would have meant only \$720,000 for the Tide. That's an additional \$340,000.

(Incidentally, the SEC office will get \$262,000 and each of the other nine SEC teams will each get \$131,000 for Alabama going to the Blockbuster. Alabama will also share in the revenue of other SEC teams in bowl games.)

Prior to Miami's defeat of Florida State and the resulting jump to the Orange Bowl by Miami, there had been a report that the Blockbuster was going to pay Miami \$3.1 million and Alabama \$2.5 million. Some tried to make an issue of that, that Alabama was somehow a second class citizen to Miami. Alabama Athletics Director Hootie Ingram probably looked like the cat who swallowed the canary when he heard the news. Ingram serves on the NCAA committee that oversees bowl games. As such, he knew that the Blockbuster would have to pay both participants the same. Once a \$3.1 million check had been cut for Miami, the NCAA would have directed an additional \$600,000 sent to Alabama.

Tide Picked Third In West

The voting by media members covering the Southeastern Conference basketball preseason meetings in Birmingham in early November was not surprising. In the West Division, in which Alabama will compete, Arkansas received 47 first place votes and 391 points to gain the favorite's role. LSU received the other 22 first place votes and 361 points. Bama apparently got most of the third place votes (and a handful of seconds) to finish with 282 points. Auburn (181), Mississippi State (122) and Ole Miss (112) were the bottom three picks in the West Division.

In the East, Kentucky was a unanimous choice for first, getting 69 first place votes and 414 points. Georgia (283) was second, Tennessee (244) third, Vanderbilt (208) fourth, South Carolina (203) fifth and Florida (97) sixth.

And In The Nation

The two weekly basketball polls most will keep a watch on during basketball season are the CNN/USA Today coaches poll and the Associated Press poll. The preseason ratings had Bama 16th in the coaches poll, 17th in the AP listings. Alabama Head Coach Wimp Sanderson said "If we're 16th in the nation, it's a sick nation." The real bad news is that Arkansas, LSU and Kentucky are all ranked in the top 10.

Horry Preseason All-SEC

Alabama senior forward Robert Horry was selected to the five-man preseason

All-SEC team. Shaquille O'Neal of LSU was a unanimous choice for the team. Others chosen were Todd Day of Arkansas, Allan Houston of Tennessee and Litterial Green of Georgia.

Horry is also one of 20 collegiate players named as a preseason nominee for the John Wooden All-America Team. There will be 10 players selected for the team, one of whom will be named Collegiate Player of the Year. Horry will see a lot of his competition. Among nominees on teams Bama plays are David Booth of DePaul, Bryant Stith of Virginia and the other four players named to the preseason All-SEC team—O'Neal, Day, Houston and Green.

Miller Cleared

Dennis Miller, a junior college transfer point guard who suffered a broken foot in Alabama's first week of basketball practice, was given the go-ahead to practice by Bama team doctors in late November and played in the opening game.

Picking Tournaments

With so many sports publications on the market, they have to scratch for different things to say. This year *Dick Vitale's Basketball* listed the top six holiday tournaments for this season and Alabama is in two of them—the Tournament of Champions December 6-7 and the Rainbow Classic December 27-30.

Vitale also listed Tide guard James Robinson on his best sophomores team. He was joined by guard Damon Bailey of Indiana, center Bill Curley of Boston College and forwards Rodney Rogers of Wake Forest and Grant Hill of Duke. *Sport Magazine* picked Robinson to its five-man All-America team along with Duke guard Bobby Hurley, LSU center Shaquille O'Neal, and forwards Byron Houston of Oklahoma State and Christian Laettner of Duke.

Georgia On The Mind

Alabama Head Coach Wimp Sanderson will see several familiar faces when Bama goes to Athens to play Georgia this year. Sanderson's youngest son, Barry, is a graduate assistant for the Bulldogs. And a freshman guard is Kris Nordholz of Gainesville, Georgia. Nordholz is the son of former Tide star Mike Nordholz, who played for Bama in 1968 and 1969, when Sanderson was an assistant coach. Mike still holds the Alabama single game scoring record with 50 points against Southern Mississippi 25 years ago on December 12, 1966.

Women Picked Ninth

The Southeastern Conference is unquestionably the nation's strongest when it comes to women's athletics and in the highest profile women's sport, basketball, the SEC is easily best. Tennessee, which is generally picked to win this year's women's NCAA championship, was a unanimous selection to win the SEC and

Tennessee's Dena Head was a unanimous pick for the preseason All-SEC team. Alabama did not have a player picked to the five-man team and the Crimson Tide of Coach Rick Moody was picked ninth in the 12 team league (The women's teams were not selected by division in the preseason voting.)

Only 10 points separated number two Auburn (249), number three Vanderbilt (243) and number four Georgia (239). Alabama received 92 points, well behind number eight South Carolina (125) and barely ahead of number ten Kentucky (85).

Women On Television

In addition to several Southeastern Conference Tournament games, a number of other women's basketball games are scheduled for television this year. Bama will be on one time in the regular season when the Tide goes to Ole Miss on February 15. The 7 p.m. CST game will be on SportsSouth cable network.

Kerns Impressive

Alabama center fielder Mickey Kerns, who passed up professional baseball to return to The University for his final year of eligibility, may be delaying his professional career even longer.

Kerns was one of 90 candidates invited to the first phase of the United States Olympic Trials and Alabama Head Baseball Coach Barry Shollenberger said Kerns had a "tremendous tryout."

Ron Fraser, head coach at Miami, will be the head coach of the United States Olympic team and Kerns hit a couple of home runs off a Miami ace pitcher.

Shollenberger said Kerns' versatility "makes him a natural for the team." Kerns was formerly an all-star infielder for Bama, then moved to the outfield last year. He hits for average and power, and runs and throws well.

The next phase of the selection process will be in June at Millington, Tennessee, and from that group a squad of 20 will be selected for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

Skinner Up Close

It's of only passing interest to most that South Africa will be back in the Olympic Games in 1992. However, NBC, which will broadcast the games, was interested in Alabama Head Swimming and Diving Coach Jonty Skinner.

Skinner, a native of South Africa, was at Alabama in 1975 and at that time South Africa had been banned from the Games. There were many efforts to find a way for him to be eligible to compete in the 1976 Olympics, including a concentrated effort led by then-Alabama Head Coach Don Gambrell to gain American citizenship for Skinner. Every effort was thwarted. Nevertheless, Skinner had his glory as he set the world record in the 100-meter freestyle event in a non-Olympic competition. That record, which is still one of the fastest

times in the history of the event, stood for an incredible six years before a sham exhibition at the University of Texas erased it.

This fall NBC was on campus to interview Skinner for a segment that will air during the Barcelona Olympic Games.

Cross Country Success

It wasn't a great year for Alabama in cross country, although the women did win three meets (Alabama, Texas and Clemson). In the Southeastern Conference championships the Tide men finished tied for eighth and the women finished fourth, a point out of second. Arkansas was a runaway winner in both meets. However, in the NCAA Regionals Alabama's Heather Shutt placed fifth of 231 finishers to qualify for the NCAA Championships, which were to be held at Tucson, Arizona, November 25. Consider that Shutt, a junior, was 103rd in last year's NCAA Regionals and was unable to participate at the beginning of this season because of an injured foot. She made great progress and was fourth in this year's SEC Championships.

Other than North Carolina State, which won the women's regional championship, Bama was the only team with three runners finishing among the top 15. Marie Ohlund was 12th, Sian Pilling 15th. The Alabama women of Coach David Troy just missed being selected as an at-large team for participation in the NCAA Championships.

Two Bama men finished in the top 100 of 272 finishers at the regional meet. Cern Basher was 39th, Eddie Terrell 99th.

Grass Catching Up

Many believe that it is only natural that grass cover a football field, and that is the surface of choice now at Alabama. However, it is still a dead heat on stadium surfaces.

According to statistics from the NCAA, there are 110 football fields for the 106 Division 1A football teams. (That's because some, such as Alabama, play at more than one stadium, in Bama's case Legion Field in Birmingham, where there is artificial turf, and Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, where there is the Cadillac of grass surface, Prescription Athletic Turf (PAT). According to the statistics the 110 fields include 55, exactly half, covered in artificial turf, 48 in natural grass, and 7 with PAT.

Mum's The Word

Although 'BAMA might have an opinion on the affairs of athletics at schools other than The University of Alabama, and even though we have been given helpful hints on how we should think and write about such events, it is our determination that it is inappropriate for this publication to comment on the affairs of other universities unless those occurrences have a direct effect on Alabama.

Off To A Good Start

by Kirk McNair

Men's basketball gets the four it wanted; other sports also do well in early November signing period

Few would question the widely-reported rankings of early 1991-92 men's basketball recruiting in which Kentucky is considered to have had the nation's best year. But Alabama didn't have too shabby an effort, either, if the so-called recruiting experts can be believed. Better than listening to those "experts," though, some of whom have put Alabama in the nation's top ten in recruiting, consider the words of a real expert on basketball talent, Crimson Tide Head Coach Wimp Sanderson.

"In our evaluation, these were the players we decided to offer scholarships. We may be wrong in our evaluation, but we think these are the kind of players who will help our team. They are all good people and fine players and we look forward to working with them."

Bama was four for four—four scholarships offered, four signed. There were no surprises. It had been widely reported that

Alabama's top four prospects were Anthony Brown of St. Petersburg, Florida; Wade Kaiser of Vestavia Hills; Shon Peck Love of Tuscaloosa, now playing at Three Rivers Junior College in Missouri; and Marvin Orange of Irmo, South Carolina.

Alabama has at least 11 scholarshiped players on its current team who will have eligibility remaining after this season. Four signees would put Bama over the limit of 14 scholarshiped players that goes into effect next year. And there is still a spring signing period in basketball in April where the Crimson Tide could conceivably sign one or more players (although that is considered unlikely). Also complicating matters is Marcus Webb. Webb, a senior who has not been redshirted, is not currently on the team and if he doesn't play this year he could conceivably return next year. Webb is academically eligible, but has been suspended for unspecified reasons. There is a chance of him rejoining the team for the spring semester.

Here is a look at the new men's basketball signees:

Anthony Brown is a 6-5, 195-pound swing player for Lakewood High School where he plays for Coach Dan Wright. Although Brown was not highly-honored for his play as a junior (all-county and honorable mention all-state), he had an outstanding summer playing for both the 17-and-under and 19-and-under Florida AAU teams and became one of the nation's most sought-after players. He was a pre-season All-America honorable mention by *Street & Smith* and was rated one of the top 60 prep players in America by *The Sporting News*. Alabama apparently got the jump on most schools. A Florida publication quoted Wright as saying that the Gators were too late in moving on Brown, that by the time Florida tried to get in the picture Brown had already decided on Alabama. Indeed, Brown had said before making an official visit to Alabama he was ready to commit, but that he couldn't commit until Bama offered him a scholarship.

Brown expects to eventually to play at the two (wing guard) position, but may be at three (wing forward), which is his primary high school position. Brown said on his visit to Alabama, "I became good friends with Hollywood (James Robinson) and I'd like to have a shot at his job when he's

Marvin Orange (left) is one of the nation's top point guards. He signed with Alabama in the early signing period.

Irmo Independent News Photo

Anthony Brown (right) expects to be either a small forward or a big guard when he joins the Crimson Tide basketball team next year.

gone. I think I can play either the small forward or the big guard in college."

Last year, his second as a starter, he averaged 24 points and had a high game of 31 points.

Brown has the required curriculum and grade point average, but has not yet passed a standardized test for eligibility. The Tide's primary competition for Brown came from North Carolina State.

Wade Kaiser was named the state's number one high school prospect by both the *Birmingham Post-Herald* and *The Birmingham News* a couple of days before the first day of early signing, November 13. Kaiser said he signed at the earliest legal minute. It was the second straight year that Alabama had signed the state's top prospect and the fifth time since Sanderson has been at the Crimson Tide helm. Previous number ones from Alabama signed by Sanderson were Ennis Whitley in 1981, Buck Johnson in 1982, Michael Ansley in 1985 and Jason Caffey last year.

Kaiser, a 6-9, 185-pound inside player, averaged 19.1 points, 8.5 rebounds and 3 steals per game as a junior as Vestavia Hills won a school record 25 games in a 25-6 season. He had a top game of 43 points and 14 rebounds for Coach George Hatchett's team. He was second team all-state as a junior. He is a four-year starter for Vestavia Hills.

Kaiser's brother, Tim, was a walkon





Wade Kaiser

player for Bama a few years ago and his father and uncle both played at Oklahoma, and Wade selected the Tide over the Sooners. He was a very early commitment to Bama. Kaiser probably needs to add some weight and muscle to play in the Southeastern Conference, and a good bet is that he will be redshirted as a freshman. He is an excellent student who has already qualified.

Shon Peck Love comes to Alabama by way of Three Rivers Junior College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, but he'll know his way around Tuscaloosa when he reports next summer. Love has been in two excellent basketball programs, Three Rivers, where he plays for Coach Gene Bess, and Tuscaloosa Central, where he led Coach Roosevelt Sanders' Falcons to the Alabama 6A championship in 1990. He was named tournament most valuable player. He was also a star on Central's 1989 state championship team. As a prep star Love was known particularly for his strong rebounding ability and good hands.

A 6-5, 195-pound small forward, Love averaged 19.8 points and 10.5 rebounds for Three Rivers as a freshman last year. Tom Barr, an assistant coach at Three Rivers, said Love would compare favorably to former Three Rivers All-America and current Alabama starter Latrell Sprewell. Alabama's primary competition for Love came from Oklahoma and Missouri.

Orange is hardly the favorite color of most Bama fans, but they'll probably like **Marvin Orange**, a 6-1, 175-pound point guard from Irmo, South Carolina. Although Irmo is a suburb of Columbia, home of new Southeastern Conference member South Carolina, Orange said he had no interest in the Gamecocks. Alabama's top competition for him came from Virginia.

Orange is the number one prospect in South Carolina. It marks the fourth time Sanderson has signed the number one prospect in a state outside of Alabama.



Mason Petty

Previous number ones were Derrick McKey (1984) and James Robinson (1988) in Mississippi and Gary Waites (1987) in Georgia.

He plays for Coach Tim Whipple and has led Irmo to the state championship finals the past two years. Last year Orange scored 26 point to lead his team to the title and a 29-2 record. Last year he averaged 15 points, 6.6 assists, 4 steals and 3 rebounds per game. He is academically eligible.

Those weren't the only basketball signees for the Crimson Tide. Coach Rick Moody, who handles the Bama women's team, signed the woman he considers to be the nation's best in **Yolanda Watkins** of Decatur. It marks the second straight year for Bama to sign the nation's top-rated high school player. Last year Alabama added guard Niesa Johnson of Clinton, Mississippi.

Watkins is a 6-2 center for Coach Mike Smith at Decatur High School. She is a two-time *Parade* All-America who has led her team to previous records of 29-2, 29-1 and 32-1 and back-to-back state 6A championships. Last year she averaged 22.4 points, 15.6 rebounds and 3.2 blocked shots per game. She went into this season with 2,000 career points and 1,397 rebounds and should hold both records at the end of her career. Dottie Kelso, who is recruiting coordinator for Bama women's basketball, was an assistant at Decatur in 1987 and 1988.

The early signing period is for all sports except football and volleyball, and other Alabama teams added new players in November. Among them are:

Baseball

Alabama Head Baseball Coach Barry Shollenberger has three new players on the dotted line.

Anthony Box is an outfielder at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. Last year he batted .345 with two home runs and 42 runs batted in. He

also has a strong, accurate arm and good speed (he stole 15 bases last year) and is also an honor student.

Joel Colgrove is a pitcher from Warrior Academy in Eutaw. As a junior he showed good control as he struck out 68 and walked only 13 in 36 innings. He had an earned run average of 3.11. In the state playoffs he had a perfect game, striking out 19 of the 21 batters he faced. During his six years on the Warrior Academy varsity baseball team, Colgrove has played third base, shortstop and all the outfield positions. Colgrove, 6-4, 220, is the center on his basketball team and was a tight end and defensive end in football.

Brett Taft is a shortstop at Hueytown High School. As a junior he was his team's leadoff hitter and batted .418 with five home runs and 30 runs batted in. He is considered an outstanding defensive player.

Golf

Crimson Tide Head Golf Coach Dick Spybey signed two players in the early period, including one from Tuscaloosa.

Mason Petty, a senior at Tuscaloosa Academy, is the 1990 Alabama Private Schools champion. He was Alabama's representative in the USGA Junior Boys Championship in Orlando, Florida, where he made the cut in the field of 32, making it through two rounds of match play. In 1990 Petty was the winner of the 15-16

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age group at the Future Masters in Dothan and last year he was runnerup.

Patrick Vadden of Louisville, Kentucky, winner of the 1991 Kentucky State Fall Championship, plays for St. Xavier. He currently ranks four in the nation in 17-and-under by *Golf Week*. He was second team junior All-America last spring.

Gymnastics

Marna Neubauer, a USA team member from Blue Springs, Missouri, has signed with Coach Sarah Patterson's gymnastics team. An elite gymnast since 1989, she won a gold medal on the vault, silver medals on the bars and beam and floor exercise, at the Puerto Rican Cup this year. After making the USA team for the third straight year, she competed at the Olympic Sports Festival, where she helped the team to a second place finish. In the event finals she won the bronze medal on vault.

Swimming

Stacy Potter of Americus, Georgia, has signed with Coach Jonty Skinner's women's swimming and diving team. She ranks 28th in the world in the 100-meter butterfly. She was fifth in that event at the 1991 Senior National Meet. She has qualified for the Olympic Trials in both the but-



Marna Neubauer

terfly and in the 100-meter backstroke.

Tennis

Chrissie Carter of West Palm Beach, Florida, who ranked 23rd nationally in the 16-and-under age group, has signed to

play for Coach Karin Gaiser and the Alabama women's tennis team. She is undefeated in her high school career at Cardinal Newman. She won 1990 Florida Open Singles and 1991 Doubles championships. Her father, Paul, is a former football letterman at West Virginia.

Track and field, men's swimming and diving, men's tennis and women's golf did not report any signees.

It is probable that Alabama has several other signees in various sports (though not in men's basketball). However, NCAA rules prohibit a school from making any announcement of signees until the signed scholarship papers are returned to the school, which is done by mail. We will update this signee list in later issues with any more players who are announced.

While the early signing period gave Alabama a number of new performers, it is not the end of signing time. Football and women's volleyball will sign their players February 5-April 1. For all other sports, the early signing period is supplemented by the April 15-May 15 late period. Additionally, baseball (which is subject to its signees being raided by the major league draft in June) may sign new players through August 1.

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4. ☐ Riley Smith (1933-35)
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6. ☐ Ed Salem (1947-50)
7. ☐ Pat Trammel (1959-61)
8. ☐ Joe Namath (1962-64)
9. ☐ Steve Sloan (1963-65)
10. ☐ Kenny Stabler (1965-67)
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16. ☐ Steadman Sharkey (1977-79)
17. ☐ Walter Lewis (1980-83)
18. ☐ Mike Shula (1983-86)
19. ☐ Gary Hollingsworth (1989-90)

Running Backs (Check 3)

20. ☐ Riggs Stephenson (1917-20)
21. ☐ Johnny Mack Brown (1923-25)
22. ☐ Emile "Red" Barnes (1925-26)
23. ☐ Herschel Caldwell (1925-26)
24. ☐ John Henry Suther (1928-30)
25. ☐ Tony Holm (1927-29)
26. ☐ Johnny Cain (1930-32)
27. ☐ Joe Kilgore (1935-37)
28. ☐ Charles Holm (1937-38)
29. ☐ Charles Boswell (1938-39)
30. ☐ Jimmy Nelson (1939-41)
31. ☐ Russ Craft (1940-42)
32. ☐ Lowell Tate (1944-47)
33. ☐ Butch Aringer (1948-50)
34. ☐ Bobby Marlow (1950-52)
35. ☐ Corky Tharp (1951-54)
36. ☐ Jim Loftin (1955-57)
37. ☐ Mike Fracchia (1960-63)
38. ☐ Steve Bowman (1963-65)
39. ☐ Johnny Musso (1969-71)
40. ☐ Wilbur Jackson (1971-73)
41. ☐ Willie Shelby (1973-75)
42. ☐ Tony Nathan (1974-77)
43. ☐ Major Ogburn (1977-80)
44. ☐ Johnnie Davis (1974-77)
45. ☐ Ricky Moore (1981-84)
46. ☐ Bobby Humphrey (1985-88)
47. ☐ Siran Stacy (1989-91)

Receivers (Check 2)

48. ☐ Al Clements (1921-23)
49. ☐ Hoyt "Wu" Winslett (1924-26)
50. ☐ Don Hutson (1932-34)

Center (Check 1)

51. ☐ Perron Shoemaker (1927-30)
52. ☐ Tul Warren (1937-39)
53. ☐ Harold Newman (1938-40)
54. ☐ Sam Sharp (1940-42)
55. ☐ Ralph Jones (1944)
56. ☐ Ted Cook (1942-46)
57. ☐ Rebel Steiner (1945-49)
58. ☐ Al Lary (1949-50)
59. ☐ Bill Battle (1960-62)
60. ☐ Richard Williamson (1960-62)
61. ☐ Tommy Tolleson (1963-65)
62. ☐ Ray Perkins (1964-66)
63. ☐ Wayne Cook (1964-66)
64. ☐ Dennis Homan (1965-67)
65. ☐ David Bailey (1969-71)
66. ☐ Wayne Wheeler (1971-73)
67. ☐ Ozzie Newsome (1974-77)
68. ☐ Bart Krout (1978-81)
69. ☐ Joey Jones (1980-83)
70. ☐ Al Bell (1985-86)
71. ☐ Howard Cross (1985-88)
72. ☐ Lamonde Russell (1987-90)

Center (Check 1)

73. ☐ Shorty Probst (1922-24)
74. ☐ Gordon Sherlock Holmes (1924-26)
75. ☐ Kavanaugh Francis (1934-35)
76. ☐ Carey Cox (1937-39)
77. ☐ Warren Averitt (1940-42)
78. ☐ Joe Domannovich (1940-42)
79. ☐ Vaughn Mancha (1944-47)
80. ☐ Pat O'Sullivan (1947-50)
81. ☐ Ralph Carrigan (1951-53)
82. ☐ Gaylon McCallough (1952-54)
83. ☐ Jimmy Grammer (1959-71)
84. ☐ Jim Krapf (1970-72)
85. ☐ Sylvester Goom (1972-74)
86. ☐ Dwight Stephenson (1976-79)
87. ☐ Steve Mott (1979-82)
88. ☐ Wes Neighbors (1987-90)
89. ☐ Roger Shultz (1987-90)

Interior Linemen (Check 4)

90. ☐ W. T. "Bully" VanderGriff (1912-15)
91. ☐ Fred Sington (1928-30)
92. ☐ Tom Hupke (1931-33)
93. ☐ Jim Whitley (1933-35)
94. ☐ Leroy Monsky (1935-37)
95. ☐ Walter Merrill (1937-38)
96. ☐ John Wyhonic (1939-41)
97. ☐ George Hecht (1940-42)
98. ☐ Charles Compton (1942, 46, 47)
99. ☐ Herb Hannan (1948-50)
100. ☐ Mike Mazyran (1946-50)
101. ☐ Travis Hunt (1950-52)

Defense:

102. ☐ Jerry Waitford (1950-52)
103. ☐ Billy Neighbors (1959-61)
104. ☐ Wayne Freeman (1962-64)
105. ☐ John Calvert (1964-66)
106. ☐ Cecil Dowdy (1964-66)
107. ☐ Jerry Duncan (1964-66)
108. ☐ Bruce Stephens (1965-67)
109. ☐ Danny Ford (1967-69)
110. ☐ Alvin Samples (1967-69)
111. ☐ John Hannah (1970-72)
112. ☐ Buddy Brown (1971-73)
113. ☐ Steve Sprayberry (1971-73)
114. ☐ John Rogers (1972-74)
115. ☐ David Gerasimchuk (1974-76)
116. ☐ K. J. Lazenby (1974-76)
117. ☐ Bob Cryder (1975-77)
118. ☐ Jim Bunch (1976-79)
119. ☐ Mike Brock (1977-79)
120. ☐ Joe Beasley (1979-82)
121. ☐ Mike Adcock (1980-83)
122. ☐ Doug Vickers (1981-83)
123. ☐ Bill Gaudin (1984-87)
124. ☐ Larry Rose (1985-88)
125. ☐ Terrill Chalmers (1987-90)

DEFENSE:

Inside Linebackers (Check 2)

126. ☐ Darwin Holt (1960-62)
127. ☐ Lee Roy Jordan (1960-62)
128. ☐ Paul Crane (1963-65)
129. ☐ Sid Youngleman (1962-64)
130. ☐ Mike Hall (1966-68)
131. ☐ Jeff Rouze (1970-71)
132. ☐ Tom Surias (1970-71)
133. ☐ Chuck Strickland (1971-73)
134. ☐ Woodrow Lowe (1973-75)
135. ☐ Barry Kraus (1976-78)
136. ☐ Randy Scott (1977-80)
137. ☐ Thomas Boyd (1979-81)
138. ☐ Wayne Davis (1983-86)
139. ☐ Keith McCants (1988-89)
140. ☐ John Sullins (1988-91)

Outside Linebackers/ Stand Up Ends (Check 2)

141. ☐ Hoyt "Wu" Winslett (1924-26)
142. ☐ Paul Bryant (1932-35)
143. ☐ Hal Rast (1939-41)
144. ☐ Red Lutz (1940-51)
145. ☐ Tommy Brooker (1959-61)
146. ☐ Creed Gilmer (1964-65)
147. ☐ Mike Ford (1965-68)
148. ☐ Robin Parkhouse (1969-71)

149. ☐ John Mitchell (1971-73)
150. ☐ John Croyle (1971-73)
151. ☐ Mike Dubose (1972-74)
152. ☐ Leroy Cook (1972-75)
153. ☐ Wayne Hamilton (1975-79)
154. ☐ E. J. Junior (1977-80)
155. ☐ Mike Pitts (1980-82)
156. ☐ Emanuel King (1982-84)
157. ☐ Cornelius Bennet (1983-86)
158. ☐ Randy Rockwell (1984-87)
159. ☐ Derrick Thomas (1985-88)

Down Linemen (Check 3)

160. ☐ Bill Buckler (1923-25)
161. ☐ Fred Pickhard (1925-27)
162. ☐ Fred Sington (1928-30)
163. ☐ Tom Hupke (1931-33)
164. ☐ Charlie Mann (1933-34)
165. ☐ Bill Lee (1932-34)
166. ☐ Arthur "Tarzan" White (1934-36)
167. ☐ Jim Ryba (1936-37)
168. ☐ Fred Davis (1938-40)
169. ☐ Ed Hickerson (1939-40)
170. ☐ Don Whitmire (1941-42)
171. ☐ Jack Green (1945)
172. ☐ Tom Whitley (1944-47)
173. ☐ John Wozniak (1944-47)
174. ☐ Ed Holdard (1948-49)
175. ☐ Jess Richardson (1950-52)
176. ☐ Ed Culpepper (1951-54)
177. ☐ George Mason (1952-54)
178. ☐ Sid Youngleman (1952-54)
179. ☐ Billy Rains (1956-57)
180. ☐ Don Cochran (1957-59)
181. ☐ Billy Neighbors (1959-61)
182. ☐ Dan Kearly (1962-64)
183. ☐ Sammy Gellerstedt (1968)
184. ☐ Skip Kubelius (1971-73)
185. ☐ Mike Raines (1973-75)
186. ☐ Bob Baumhower (1973-75)
187. ☐ Gus White (1974-76)
188. ☐ David Hannah (1975-79)
189. ☐ Marty Lyons (1976-78)
190. ☐ Byron Braggs (1977-80)
191. ☐ Warren Lyles (1979-81)
192. ☐ Jon Hand (1982-85)
193. ☐ Curt Jarvis (1983-86)
194. ☐ Willie Wyatt (1986-89)
195. ☐ George Thornton (1989-90)
196. ☐ Robert Stewart (1987-91)

SPECIALISTS:

Place Kicker (Check 1)

227. ☐ Tim Davis (1961-63)
228. ☐ David Ray (1964-65)
229. ☐ Bill Davis (1971-73)
230. ☐ Van Tillin (1983-86)
231. ☐ Philip Doyle (1987-90)

Punter (Check 1)

232. ☐ Johnny Cain (1930-32)
233. ☐ Dixie Howell (1932-34)
234. ☐ Bobby Wilson (1950-52)
235. ☐ Steve Davis (1955-57)
236. ☐ Frank Mann (1968-70)
237. ☐ Gregg Genti (1971-73)
238. ☐ Malcolm Simmons (1981-83)

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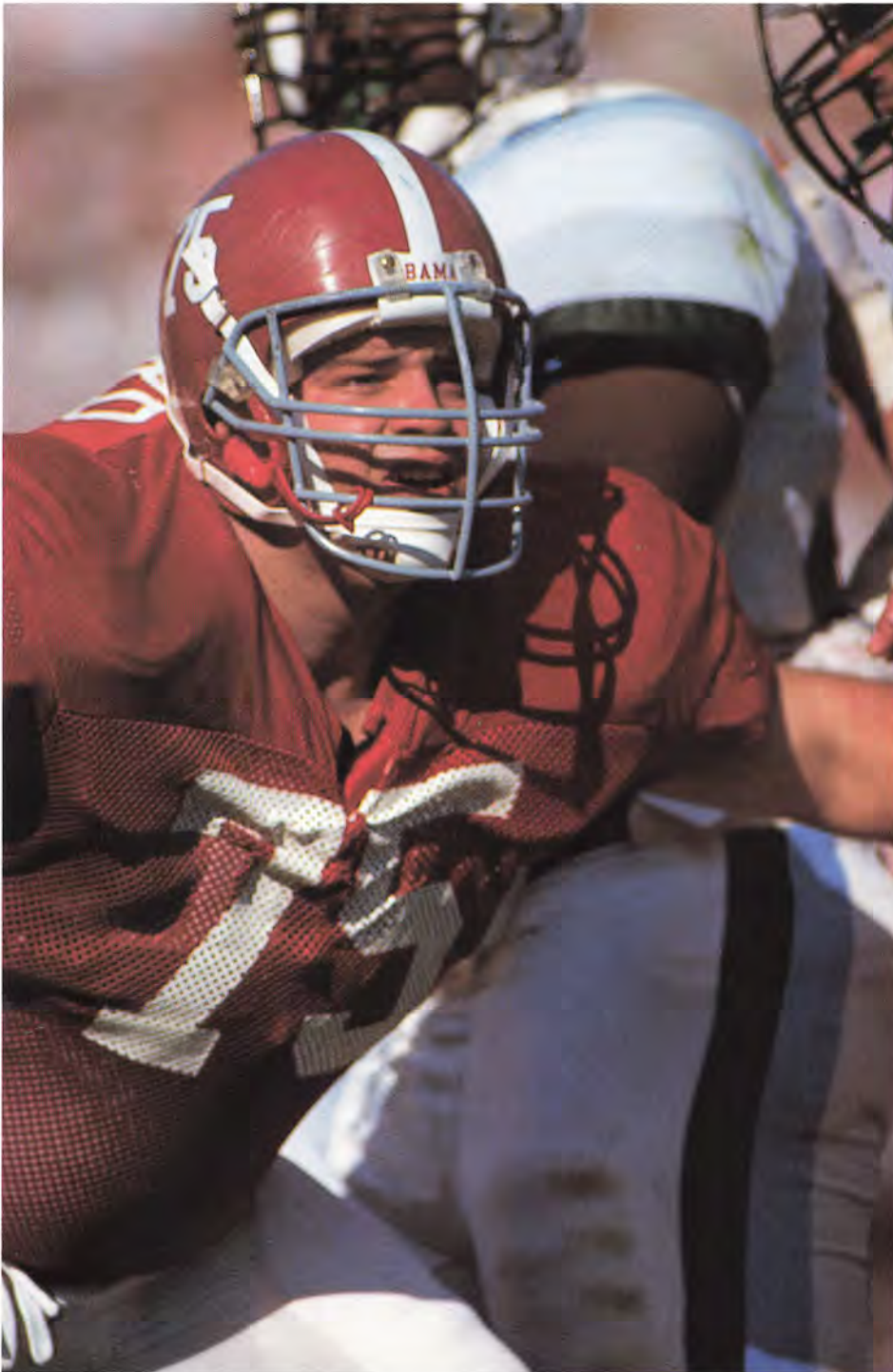
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Johnny Howard:

Role Player And Role Model

by Rush Garner

Injuries have kept him from being a star, but not from playing his best



For a college football team to be successful, as The University of Alabama has been, there must be superstars. A team needs the kind of player who can turn a five-yard screen pass into a 75-yard touchdown run, or take an interception all the way for the winning score, the kind of player who can win a game on one play.

But a team also needs role players. All championship teams have a superstar, and if you ask the fans who the most valuable player is, they will almost all say his name.

Alabama followers have had no problems identifying such players: From Wu Winslett, Fred Sington and Don Hutson to Harry Gilmer and Bobby Marlow and through Lee Roy Jordan, Joe Namath, Kenny Stabler, Johnny Musso and Ozzie Newsome, and up to Cornelius Bennett, Bobby Humphrey, Derrick Thomas and Siran Stacy, and dozens of others. These were all football heroes. They all had that ability. Yet part of what made these athletes so special was the blending of their talents with those of their teammates.

It takes more than just raw physical skills to be a champion. It takes heart. That is why some may prefer watching the Oscars over the Heisman Award, because there is a "Best Supporting Actor." Support is the key word. It is not just how many spectacular players you have; it's how many people on the team are willing to put their egos in the backseat and play a specific, albeit limited, role. It takes being a team player and accepting the role you are given and carrying it out to the best of your ability. Former Alabama Head Coach Paul Bryant was wont to say that it wasn't the All-Americans who made Bama great, it was the players who weren't All-Americans but thought they were and played like it.

That's exactly what Johnny Howard does everyday of his life.

This relatively unknown offensive lineman (as most of them at every level) can play every position on the line, but instead of worrying about starting, he eagerly awaits his chance to play. He knows his role. Howard is the designated snapper on extra points and field goals and is a very valuable member of the offensive line.

"I try to be ready on every play, because in this sport you have to stay in the game mentally. I like my role because I've got experience at every position, and some of our younger players might not be comfortable going into a big game," he said.

Johnny Howard may get only limited play each week because he has to play on a bad knee, but he makes the most of his opportunities in the offensive line and as the snapper on placekicks.

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Howard showed his versatility when he had to go in at tight end in the Tennessee game, and anytime you have a tight end that is 6-3, 260, you're bringing a full load. "It's good for the younger guys to see that even if you don't start, you need to be ready, because if you do have to go in and you aren't prepared, you feel like you let the team down," Howard said.

That statement epitomizes the way Howard looks at the team. He refuses to let anyone lose his focus, which is to put the team first. He holds the team sacred, and he has learned what it takes to be a winner. If everyone wanted to be the star, and no one wanted to do the dirty work, the clash of egos would probably register on the Richter scale. Even the new indoor practice field couldn't corral that raging bull.

Howard's achievements are all the more improbable because of the vast number of injuries he has sustained since joining the Tide. In 1988, he had reconstructive surgery on his right knee before Alabama's win over Army in the Sun Bowl. That injury alone could have proved overwhelming enough to end the careers of most players, but Howard remained optimistic. Then, due to his knee's slow recovery, he had to have follow-up arthroscopic surgeries, one in 1989 and another in 1990.

As if those were not enough to test his faith, Howard is once again scheduled for reconstructive surgery again this coming January.

One might ask: Is it worth it to go through all the physical and psychological trauma to stay on the team and compete? "I'm kind of worried that when I'm 40 I'll be regretting all of this, but right now it reinforces to all of my teammates that no matter what kind of injury they have, they need to be out there giving 100 per cent," Howard said. That's exactly what the coaches love about him—his intense desire to succeed regardless of the circumstances.

"Johnny Howard can handle any position on the line, and I know anytime I call on him, he'll be ready," said offensive line coach Jimmy Fuller. "We feel more comfortable putting Johnny in there, even though he's limited physically, than we do putting in somebody who's healthy but doesn't know the scheme."

There's little doubt that Howard's football career might have been more fruitful without the injuries. He was an all-state performer under Coach Carrol Cox at Jess Lanier High School in Bessemer. He was listed as the state's ninth best prospect by *The Birmingham News*.

Although Howard is a junior in football

eligibility, he was redshirted as a freshman in 1988 and could graduate. He will earn his third letter this year after having played behind All-Southeastern Conference right tackle Terrill Chatman in 1989 and 1990.

With a roster of injuries that reads like a guy with four purple hearts even Joe Namath wouldn't envy, Johnny Howard is a paragon of perseverance. Despite his losing bout with Lady Luck, Howard has not lost any of his enthusiasm on or off the field.

Not only does Howard have an exemplary attitude on the field, he also has a 3.1 grade point average, and his work in the classroom has always been high on his list of achievements. (At Jess Lanier High School he graduated fourth in his class and last year he was selected to the All-SEC Academic Team.) He is majoring in health care management.

Howard gives most of the credit to his parents, however. "My parents are the ones most responsible for the position I'm in, and they deserve the credit. They never pushed me on the football field, and when I had my injuries, it was frustrating to me, but they were always there. They helped me keep focused in the classroom, and that's the most important thing. I'm here to play football, but I'm also here to get an education," Howard said.

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Experience Only Thing He Needs

by Donald F. Staffo

Local boy makes good as true freshman is playing on special teams, defense

From Tuscaloosa County High School, where he starred as a two-time all-state linebacker, he could sometimes hear across the Black Warrior River on a fall Saturday afternoon, crowd noise emanating from Bryant-Denny Stadium. But André Royal, who a year ago was turning in 151 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, three caused fumbles and two blocked kicks, almost took his act elsewhere.

"At first I was planning on going to Memphis State because they ran all the same defensive schemes that we ran in high school," Royal said. "I knew the defense and felt comfortable. If I went there,

I knew I wouldn't have any problems.

"Then, after a while, Auburn was ahead and they stayed ahead right through my senior season. Auburn has a good program and they were away from home, and I wanted to go away to school. But after visiting Auburn and talking with some of the players, I backed off.

"But I was really confused because I still liked Memphis State better than Alabama. I liked what I saw there. I liked the city and I wanted to get away from home. If I signed with either Memphis State or Alabama, I would have been happy."

Royal, of course, chose the Crimson Tide. "In the end, I just knew more about Alabama," he said. "Alabama had the edge with its coaching staff. And a big thing was that by staying home my parents would get to see me play."

Already Royal's decision to stay in town has begun to pay dividends for the Tide. A true freshman, the 6-2, 210-pound Northport native recovered a fumble in Alabama's fourth game against Vanderbilt which led to a touchdown, and registered a safety against Tulane. He starts on all the special teams except the field goal block-

ing unit and the extra point protection team, and his blocking has helped freshman sensation David Palmer pick up huge chunks of yardage on kick and punt returns. Royal also has seen some action spelling Antonio London and Lemanski Hall at right outside linebacker.

While performing on the punt team against Vandy, Royal sprinted down the field and was the first person to reach the Commodores' punt returner. "He tried to run before he caught the ball, and he just dropped the ball," said Royal. "I didn't even hit him, but I probably intimidated him because I got down there real fast. I just saw the ball hit the turf and I went after it. That felt really good because it was my first big play at Alabama."

The safety sack came in the fourth quarter when the Tulane quarterback dropped back into the end zone and Royal dropped him in his tracks. "Their tackle tried to block me but I got past him with no problem," said Royal, who caught the Green Wave quarterback from behind. "I wasn't really as excited as I thought I would be because, first of all, I wasn't expecting to go into the game at that time. I was sitting on the bench and they called me to go in and I wasn't even loosened up. It was my second play of my first series on defense in college football, and it happened so fast that I didn't think it was any big thing. I didn't even know I got him in the end zone until my teammates started telling me to come off the field. I just thought I'd sacked him. I didn't realize it was a safety. It didn't feel any different than it feels when I sack somebody in practice."

Royal now relishes the sack more. "At first I considered my fumble recovery my best play, but the more I thought about it, the more I felt the sack was probably my biggest play. It put points on the scoreboard."

It is an indication of his ability that Royal is seeing playing time this season, rather than being redshirted. Still, he is only six months out of high school, and as Yogi Berra reportedly said: "His future is ahead of him."

Royal has played a little on defense, getting in for about 12 snaps against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, his biggest playing stint to date.

"He played the last three series toward the end of that game," said Ellis Johnson, outside linebackers coach. "He did a good job on some of the blitzing things that we did."

"He really has seen very little playing time on defense. He's very talented with his best assets being his speed (4.5 in the 40) and quickness. But he does not have the experience right now to play outside



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"We play a complicated defensive scheme and learning the assignments takes time and experience. He's got a lot of natural ability, but his overall size is not really big enough (for that position). We'd like for him to be bigger, though his size is probably adequate. However, he's got great strength (330-pound bench press, 470-pound squat) for his size. He's a very tough player."

Johnson said that Royal, like all freshmen, still must develop the maturity, commitment, and understanding of what it takes to play at this level. "And I mean overall, meaning football, academics, everything," he said.

Amos Jones, special teams coach, echoes those thoughts. "I think André still has got a long way to go in terms of being the type of player he can be," he said.

"Everything is new to him. Every day he's seeing and learning something different from what he's seen before.

"He needs to work on his overall mental outlook so he can learn to play within the framework of his position. Sometimes you can't always be the player you like, because sometimes you've got specific tasks to do as part of the teamwork.

"For instance, André probably wants to go to the ball on kickoff coverage, and that's what he was probably used to, but here he has to have a lane responsibility on coverage. Now he can still go to the ball and make the tackle if he's the first one to the ball carrier.

"So it's a matter of learning and adjusting to the system. The system here is probably completely different from what he was used to in high school. Adjusting—that's been his biggest problem."

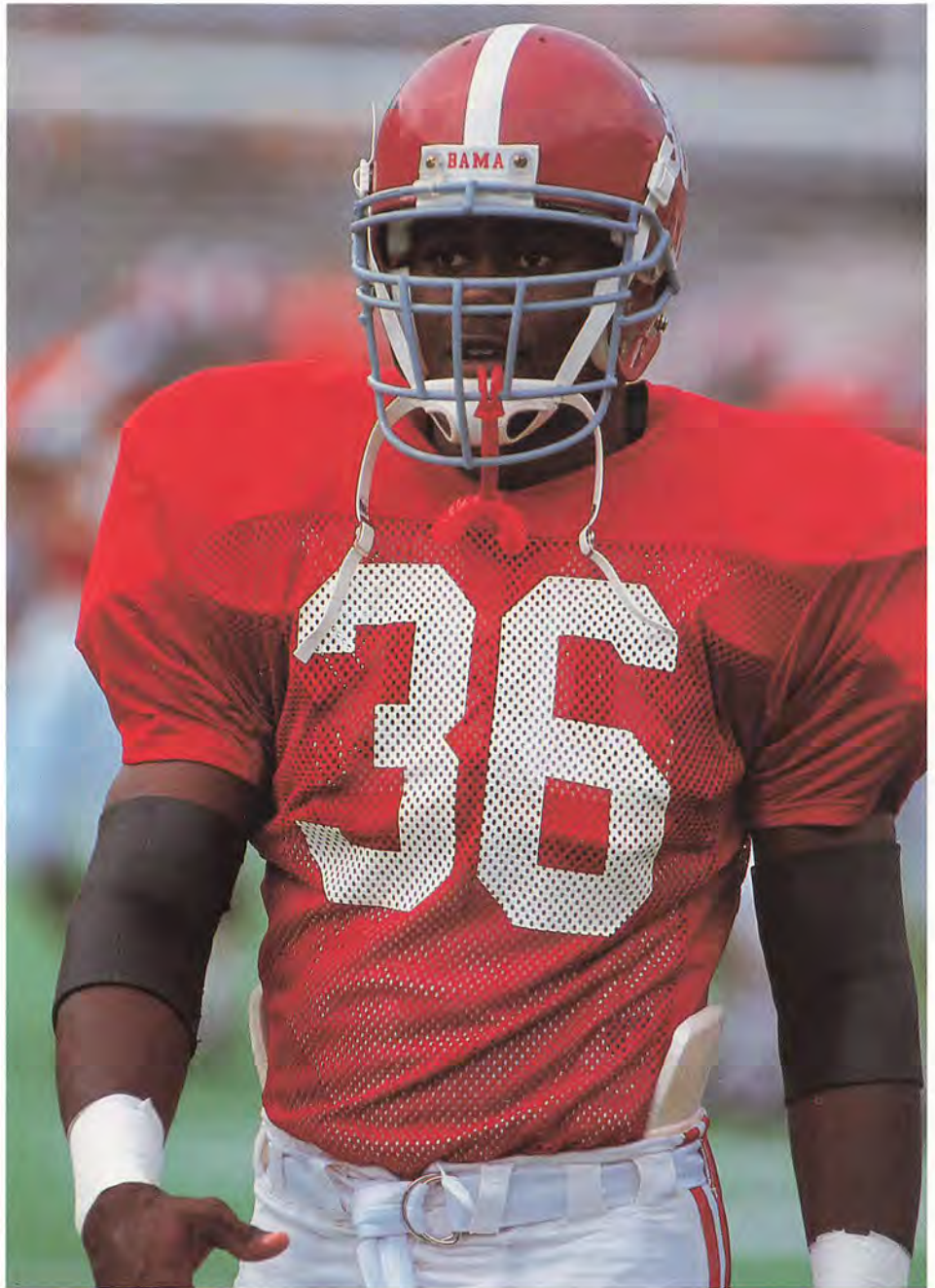
Royal agrees, realizing that already knowing the system was one of the key things that initially attracted him to Memphis State. "In high school all I did was blitz. I roamed free. They let me run to the ball, and that put me in certain places to make the big play.

"The way we play here restricts you a lot. You can't roam free. You have to read (offenses) a lot and adjust to this and adjust to that. That's what is giving me the biggest problem now. It's just knowing what to do in different situations, and that comes with experience. It's really the only thing at this point that is slowing me down in terms of getting more playing time."

Johnson and Jones both say Royal has tremendous potential, possibly all-conference caliber down the road. "He's got that kind of natural ability," said Johnson. "It's too early to really tell. A lot depends on how much he wants to work to take himself to that level."

Jones said that what Royal has done so far is not a surprise, "because we all thought he had potential."

Again, Royal agrees with his coaches'



True freshman André Royal is seeing limited action on defense and much action on Bama specialty teams as he continues his football career just a few miles from his home.

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assessment. "I have the tools," acknowledged Royal. "It all depends if I apply myself. I have a chance. If I make the most of it, I might be in a position to get some kind of recognition. If I don't, I won't come close."

Both coaches also feel that, though he is the quiet type, Royal can develop into a leader. "I see someone who can one day lead by example," said Jones. "Right now it's just a big adjustment for him, especially being a local kid."

Playing in front of the home folks, how-

ever, does not mean that the former County High Wildcat receives Royal treatment.

"People know me and say things after the game, but I don't think it would be that much different if I went someplace else," he said.

Royal said the possibility of being red-shirted was "never in the plan, and I'm glad. I'd hoped to get a little more playing time than I have, but I'm satisfied. My only goal this year was just to play some, and I'm doing that."





James Robinson:

He Loves To Play Basketball

by Kirk McNair

Talented sophomore is on track to set numerous Tide scoring records

Anyone who has watched James Robinson on a basketball court has memories of his remarkable skills. It might be the 26 points, his season high, he scored against Auburn. Or his eight overtime points as Bama bested Ole Miss in Oxford. Or his 23 points in an eight-minute span against Mississippi State in Tuscaloosa. Or his five three-point shots in a home victory over Tennessee. Or his Southeastern Conference Tournament championship game spree, when he scored 10 points in the final two minutes of the first half, eight of those points in a 31-second span, to break open a close game against Tennessee. His steal and length-of-court dribble to dunk closed out the first half as Bama cruised to its third straight SEC Tournament title.

So what games does Robinson remember from his remarkable freshman season of 1990-91? "The game at Mississippi State and the game at Georgia," Robinson said. Huh? "In most of the others we won and I did okay. At Mississippi State I fouled out and we lost, and at Georgia I only scored four points and we lost," he said. "I think about games I have to make up for."

That's a short list. He was named the SEC's "Rookie of the Week" a record five times and was named SEC "Rookie of the Year" by Jefferson-Pilot, which televises SEC games. He was honorable mention on the Associated Press All-America

In most instances, Alabama sophomore wing guard James Robinson going one-on-one against an opponent is not a fair match. Although he has been slowed a little during the pre-season as he recovers from knee surgery, he is expected to be fullspeed when the Crimson Tide gets into the meat of its schedule.

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team. And he was named to the SEC All-Tournament team. He was responsible in great part for Alabama's 1990-91 team going 23-10, reaching the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, and finishing the season ranked in the nation's top 20.

Going into his second Bama season he has been named a pre-season All-America by at least one publication and he has been named one of the top five wing guards in the nation by another. And he is only a sophomore. And he is also a primary reason Alabama is a pre-season top 20 selection.

Last year Robinson averaged a team-leading 16.8 points per game, the first time a freshman had led Alabama in scoring since Jerry Harper's 13.1 average in 1953. In 32 games he scored 554 points as a freshman, shattering the record of 477 points for a freshman, set by Eddie Phillips in 33 games in 1979. He needs 446 points to hit the 1,000-point mark, which has never been accomplished by a sophomore at Bama.

Robinson hit 194 of 413 field goal attempts, which is a 47 per cent mark, and 64 of 413 three-point shots (41.8 per cent). He also was good on 102 of 146 free throws (70 per cent), pulled down 130 rebounds (3.9 per game) and had 40 assists.

And he had fun doing it. Robinson is about as well known for his big smile, his familiarity with officials (the noted fanny pats) and his bubble gum as he is his incredible basketball skills. His friendliness carries over off the court, too. "Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't stop me on the way to class and introduce themselves, and I enjoy that," he said.

This is actually Robinson's third season at Alabama. He endured a controversial redshirt season in 1989-90 when his academic record was questioned. Although Robinson eventually was vindicated, and the year of eligibility returned to him, the decision came too late for him to participate that year. However, he isn't bitter about it. "I'm over that," he said. "Besides, as (Bama Assistant) Coach (Kevin) Gray pointed out, it made me a better player. I went into my freshman season a year older, a year stronger, a year wiser. And I can tell it."

Robinson, who has picked up the nickname "Hollywood" for his flamboyant style of play, is a 6-1, 181-pound wing guard for the Crimson Tide, and he almost was neither.

Growing up in Jackson, Mississippi, Robinson's favorite sport was football. But he was coerced into a couple of other sports, including basketball. "My coach in middle school in the eighth grade said he wasn't going to let me play football in the ninth grade unless I played basketball and ran track. I didn't like basketball then, and

How Much Longer?

So, how much longer will Alabama fans be watching James Robinson in crimson and white?

Robinson doesn't make any secret of his long term ambition, a career in the National Basketball Association and the big bucks that go with professional basketball. "Just like every other college (basketball) kid," he said.

But, he insists, it won't be any time soon. "I'll play at Alabama for four years and get my degree first," he said.

-Kirk McNair

I didn't like it when I played in the eighth grade because I felt I was having to do it."

Robinson played basketball and ran track in the eighth grade, then had a big year in the fall of his ninth grade season in football. He was a wide receiver and tight end and finished the year with over 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns. That winter he was back on the basketball court and discovered that since he was quicker than almost everyone else he could score a lot of points simply by shaking loose and going for layups. "I was pretty much a layup player," he said.

When he entered Murrah High School in the fall of 1987, James had to make a decision: football or basketball. Several factors helped him in the decision-making process. For one thing, following the completion of his ninth grade basketball season, the longtime legendary high school basketball coach at Murrah, Osmond Jordan, invited Robinson to travel with the high school team through the state playoffs. Murrah won the state championship that year. For another, Robinson noticed when he got to high school that he was quite a bit smaller than the football players. "Everybody else started getting bigger and I stayed the same," he said.

But the main reason was Momma. "Everybody in my family wanted me to play basketball," he said. "You know how mommas are. She was afraid I'd get hurt playing football."

One aspect of traveling with the high school team in the state playoffs was seeing another high school legend, Chris Jackson (who went on to star at LSU and is now playing with Denver in the NBA). "That impressed me," Robinson said. "I saw those moves. Wow!"

Robinson and Jackson met head-to-head three times with Murrah coming out on top twice. In the three games Robinson outscored Jackson 84 to 49, although it wasn't exactly head-to-head. Robinson was a wing player, Jackson a point guard. "Every now and then I guarded him—or tried to—but he never guarded me," Robinson said. Robinson and Jackson became friends and still see each other from time-to-time and

Robinson keeps up with Jackson's NBA career.

(Robinson also went against another top guard in high school, Litterial Green, who is now at Georgia. In their only confrontation Robinson also got the better of the scoring match, 51-41.)

Robinson had an incredible high school career. He was a *Parade* and *USA Today* All-America as a senior as he set records for points in a game (66), season (1,383) and career (3,022). He hit 56.6 per cent from the field and 72 per cent from the free throw line. He was the Mississippi Player of the Year and was selected for the Dapper Dan and McDonald's all-star games. (He also continued to, as he put it, "dabble" in track and as a junior ran a state record 38.72 in the 300 intermediate hurdles.)

Play number 7 became famous and the fans clamored for it. Robinson laughs about that now. "When we'd get rolling the crowd would start calling for 'Number 7!' I'd look over at coach and he'd nod if it was okay. It was a double pick in which I'd go from one wing to the other and take the three-point shot. It was just having fun."

(His freedom at Murrah may have been partly responsible for a loss of freedom last year. In an interview he reportedly said that Alabama Head Coach Wimp Sanderson didn't want him taking bad shots, "and I don't know what a bad shot is." Shortly thereafter Alabama had a press restriction: No interviews with freshmen. Robinson was the only freshman playing.

As Robinson's prep reputation grew, so did the list of schools recruiting him. The young man almost went west. "I made a recruiting trip to UNLV and while I was there I decided that's where I was going to go," Robinson said. Once again, enter Momma. "My mother said to wait until I got home to decide. And my high school coach said I should check out Alabama. I came over here to a football game and the atmosphere was just great. I liked it. I narrowed it down to Alabama and UNLV. And my mother wanted me closer to home, so I picked Alabama." So here's to you, Mrs. Robinson. . .

Robinson started his first four games at Alabama last year, then was relegated to the bench. But it didn't affect his playing time. Even though Bryant Lancaster was the starting wing guard, Robinson averaged 29.4 minutes per game, Lancaster 9.3.

"Whatever suits him suits me," Robinson said of Sanderson's decision to bring his star player off the bench. "I got plenty of playing time. I can't complain. I'll play whatever role it takes to win. I think he said I was more motivated coming off the bench."

That may have been part of it. The party line from Alabama was that Robinson's defense wasn't up to Sanderson standards in the early going, thus his demotion. And it may be that Robinson was motivated to play better defense after going to the Sixth Man role. But an advantage for Alabama was that when Robinson went in, unlike the usual result of substitution, Alabama did not get a little weaker. The Tide got a lot stronger.

Robinson doesn't have firm personal goals this season. He expects Alabama "to start off slow and then pick it up as the season goes along. We don't ever have four or five starters back. But we'll understand each other more as the season goes along and the new guys will have a better understanding of what is expected of them in practice and in games," he said. He said that part of his role is to let those new players know what is expected of them, primarily that they must go full speed all the time. Otherwise, they can expect Sanderson "to fuss and cuss. I think it's funny when I get away from it, but he can really put the needle in you."

It has not been as easy for Robinson to get ready for this season as it was last season because of injury and illness. In April he had surgery to repair cartilage damage in his knee; then later had to have another operation when a cyst developed in the surgery area. "I think he's favored that knee and he hasn't been quite as active this year," Sanderson said. "He's still a good basketball player, but he's not the same player going into this season that he was at the end of last season. James has to wear a knee brace, but there's something about players wearing knee braces I've never liked. I'm hoping when the National Anthem plays that he'll be back."

Robinson said the knee is fine, but that his leg is just not back to full strength. "But it's getting there," he said. He was also dogged by the flu in early Bama practices.

One thing that Sanderson and Robinson agree on is that Alabama will be much better if Robinson does not have to play point guard. "James doesn't need to be thinking about running the basketball team," Sanderson said. "He's the kind of player who reacts." But, Sanderson said, if he has no other choice he knows that Robinson can play the point.

"If they need me to play it in crunch time, I won't back down from it," Robinson said. "I'll step up. But I'm definitely a two (wing guard)."

Robinson said he doesn't have a preconceived notion of what he might try to do when Bama is on offense. "The overall game situation dictates that," he said. "If we need the three-pointer, I'm going



James Robinson has every shot in the book and some that aren't. Last year he led Bama in scoring, the first freshman to accomplish that feat since 1953.

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to be looking for it. But we may have someone (opponent) in foul trouble and need to take it inside. You just can't determine what you're going to do until you know the entire situation."

Robinson's teammate, senior Robert Horry, said playing with James "is a different experience, because I never played with anyone with so much talent.

Sometimes you think he's trying to do too much, but it usually works. He's a streaky shooter, and when he's on you definitely want to get the ball in his hands.

"We have a team concept at Alabama and it was probably a little hard for James to get used to that since he was such a star before he came here, but he's learning it more and more each day."

Building On A Winning Tradition

by Barbara Butler

Tide accomplishments of past bring great expectations for another championship year

Traditions do not just happen. They must materialize over a period of time. Developing a winning team takes time and hard work. A coach must succeed at recruiting the best athletes and then mold them into champions. Every coach dreams of his or her program being associated with a winning tradition, but few reach that pinnacle.

Alabama Gymnastics Coach Sarah Patterson has reached that point and continue to build on the winning tradition they have brought to Tuscaloosa. In the 13-year Patterson tenure (including Bama assistant coach and Sarah's husband, David), Alabama has captured two NCAA championships, two Southeastern Conference crowns, and eight regional titles.

Individually, 16 different gymnasts have garnered 51 All-America honors. Two gymnasts, Penney Hauschild and current team member Dee Dee Foster, hold individual national championship awards and both have been named SEC Female Athlete of the Year, Hauschild in 1985, Foster in 1990.

The vital factor in the Tide program is that the Pattersons continue to fill the roster with the top talent from across the nation. The 1992 team returns nine gymnasts from the championship team of last year, six of whom are All-Americans. At this point, Alabama has one newcomer, Holly Voorheis, from Frankenmuth, Michigan. Voorheis brings with her a lengthy list of accomplishments in the gym. One of the country's top recruits, she competed in the 1990 USA Championships where she placed second on the vault and was a



Sophomore gymnast Kara Stilp gets a word of advice from Alabama Head Coach Sarah Patterson.

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Alabama's gymnastics fortunes in 1992 will depend in great part on the performances of the Crimson Tide's three seniors, Katherine Kelleher (standing), Shea McFall (left) and Gina Basile.

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competitor at the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival. She hopes to make an immediate impact on this young team. Patterson feels she could contend for All-America honors on the vault. Her dynamic tumbling abilities add to the talent on the floor exercise and she could also play an integral role on both the uneven bars and balance beam.

For the rest of the team, the job is to improve and polish the routines that won the national championship in 1991. A problem area for Alabama last season was the vault. The team struggled on this event and was inconsistent during most of the season, up until nationals where the team set a school scoring record of 49.075.

All-America Dee Dee Foster, the record holder with a 9.95 to her credit, is working on a new vault hoping to score a perfect 10 in 1992. Two other All-Americans, Katherine Kelleher and Shea McFall, are also learning new vaults to bolster the scoring. Dana Dobransky, who was a consistent performer last season is increasing the diffi-

culty of her vault in order to improve her scores this year. With a bulk of the lineup returning, the vault could change from being Alabama's weakest point to a high score event for the Tide.

In years past, the uneven bars has been one of the most consistent events for the Tide. This season, the Pattersons look to improve the bar routines and scores by increasing the difficulty and changing the tricks that each gymnast performs. Foster, Kelleher, Gina Basile and Dobransky return their routines from last season. Mid-season last year, Foster struggled with consistency problems, but a true competitor, she corrected her problems and finished the season as an All-America on the bars for the second year in a row. Always an exciting performer, Foster tied the school record last season scoring a 9.90 against Florida. Kelleher turned in a 9.90 at home against Nebraska, also tying the record. Patterson is counting on big scores from both these women. Basile,

whose 9.85 ranks among the top scores in school history, could possibly be, "one of the most exciting uneven bar performers in the country this season," Patterson said.

Sheryl Dundas and Dobransky are both coming off shoulder surgery, but are expected to contribute to the lineup during the season. Newcomer Voorheis, McFall and Stilp are all learning new routines and will work into the lineup.

In 1989, Alabama set a school record on the bars, 49.10. The 1991 team tied that record in Coleman Coliseum against Nebraska. That score also stands as a coliseum record.

The final two competition events, the beam and floor, are by far Alabama's strongest areas. Four gymnasts return as All-Americans on the beam and three on the floor exercise. The 1991 team set school records on both events, 49.25 on the beam and 49.15 on the floor.

Returning Tiders Basile, Foster, Kelleher, Dundas and Dobransky as a group are the top five beam performers in Alabama's history. Dundas set the

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school record (9.925) as a freshman and has increased the difficulty of her dismount which was the only weak link in her routine last year. Dobransky, one of the team's steadiest performers, could contend for the national championship on this event according to Patterson. The power in Foster's routines continually make her one of the best in the nation and All-America Kelleher again will be an integral part of the lineup. Last season, Basile proved she is "rock solid" on this event and should again be one of the top beam workers on the team. For the fans, look for the balance beam to be one of the exciting parts of Alabama's meets throughout the year.

By far the floor exercise was Alabama's most improved event last season and with a host of the lineup returning, the Tide should excel in this dynamic and artistic event. Three All-Americas return in Foster, Dobransky and Kara Stilp, who won All-America honors as a freshman last year. Another top returnee is Dundas who consistently scored high marks during the last half of the 1991 season. Foster and Stilp are powered by their tumbling abilities while Dundas and Dobransky are two of the most elegant dancers on the team. Each of them have worked on new tumbling passes that should raise their scores and place them among the top floor performers in the nation. Look for Voorheis to jump into the lineup with her strong tumbling, and McFall, who was slowed by a foot injury last year, should be a mainstay in the lineup her senior year. Patterson also feels that Kelleher and Watson can contribute to this event during the season.

This team has the talent and desire to excel and continue the winning tradition at Alabama. It hasn't even let new NCAA policies affect the program. This season, all teams are limited to 20 practice hours a week and while it may hamper the advancement of some programs, Patterson says it will have no affect on Bama's.

"We've always believed that gymnastics should be important to our athletes, but that it shouldn't become the most important focus in their lives," Patterson said. "We want them to realize that academics is the number one priority."

Back in September, long before the first meet in January, the squad began preparations for the 1991 season. As fall practice rolls on and the first competition approaches, this team will be expected to be among the nation's best. Each of these young women knows what it means to be a winner and each wants for Alabama to continue in its winning ways. That's a part of tradition.



Dana Dobransky



Sheryl Dundas



Dee Dee Foster

Southeast Boasts Top Big Men

by Tommy Deas

A look at the top high school linemen, tight ends and linebackers in South

The Alabama football recruiting philosophy from Day One has been to get the top football players from within the state of Alabama first, then go after prospects from out of the state.

The policy has been a good one, as Alabama has been the dominant college football name in the South for many, many decades. While there are numerous examples of outstanding players from throughout the nation becoming a part of Crimson Tide tradition, Bama ordinarily concentrates its out-of-state recruiting efforts in the nearby Southeastern states, notably Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. There is only the occasional football prospect from Kentucky. The additions of South Carolina and Arkansas may open up those states for more recruiting by the Tide.

The Crimson Tide can thank its neighboring states for the likes of current Tiders Antonio London of Tennessee, Stacy Harrison of Georgia, John Sullins of Mississippi and Prince Wimbley of Florida.

With about two months until the February 5 signing date for 1992 high school seniors, it's time to look at some of the outstanding linemen, linebackers and tight ends around the Southeast who are supposedly considering and/or being considered by Alabama for football scholarships. (In the January issue of **'BAMA** we'll look at the skill position players from outside the state of Alabama.) Here, in alphabetical order by states, is a look at some of those prospects:

Florida

Linebacker **Henri Crockett** of Pompano Beach Ely High has the size at 6-3 and 235 pounds to be a major college player, and is considered by most to be one of the Sunshine State's top three recruits. Crockett runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds and can bench press nearly 400 pounds, but his



Scott Freeney

biggest drawback may be academics. Crockett made more than 100 tackles as a junior and has started since he was a freshman. Crockett's brother, Zach signed with Florida but ended up at Hinds Community College in Mississippi. Crockett also plays fullback, and some scouts say that may be his college position.

Defensive end **Cameron Davis** has caught the eyes of recruiters in the Fort Lauderdale area playing for Coach George Smith at St. Thomas Aquinas. At 6-3 and 210 pounds, he may have to add bulk to his frame. His range and speed are his best assets, but his classroom performance may have to improve if he is to qualify academically.

Larry Fleming plays on the line at Fort Walton Beach High for Coach Jimmy Stephens. The two-way tackle stands 6-4 and weighs 260 pounds, and has reported 5.3 speed in the 40. Fleming is lean for a lineman and may yet grow, as his father is 6-7. Grades won't be a problem for this solid B student.

If size is an indicator, **John Franklin** of Graceville might be on the lists of some basketball recruiters as well. Franklin is 6-9 and weighs 265 pounds, and plays tackle on both sides of the line, though his future may be on the defensive side. Franklin, who runs a 5.2 40-yard dash, is an honor student who will have no problem with academic re-

quirements. He has an older brother at the University of Florida. He bench presses 275 pounds, and will have to gain strength to stand out in college. Franklin suffered a knee injury late in the year.

Orange Park's **Lamont Floyd** plays linebacker for Coach Bob Williams, where he led the team in tackles as a junior. Floyd runs a 4.7-second 40-yard dash and has size at 6-2, 215 pounds. Some recruiters think his future may be at safety if he isn't able to add more bulk.

Another gridiron prospect with basketball size is 6-7, 290-pound **Reggie Green** of Bradenton South East High. Green plays guard on offense and tackle on defense, and some scouts list his weight as high as 318 pounds. If you like potential, Green is only 17 years old. He runs the 40 in 5.1 seconds and is considered quick off the ball and aggressive.

Jeff Mitchell of Clearwater Countryside is a 6-4, 245-pound two-way tackle who is listed as a player who could make an impact on the Division I level. With 5.0 speed in the 40, some think his future may be at offensive guard or nose tackle. Scouts like his speed off the ball and his physical nature.

Jason Odom may be best at pass blocking, though he plays tackle both ways at Bartow High. A solid B student who is 6-6 and 265 pounds, Odom runs the 40 in 5.2 seconds and is liked for his consistency both ways.

Nick Quintana is considered by observers to be the most dominant offensive lineman in the Dade County area, which is high praise indeed. Quintana stands 6-6 and weighs 275 pounds, and was a pre-season All-South selection at Miami Senior High. He also runs a 5.2-second 40-yard dash.

Another Dade County prospect, Miami Springs' **Orpheus Roy**, brings size at 6-6 and 270 pounds, and runs a 5.2 40-yard dash. He is a two-way tackle with quick feet and a standout pass blocker who moves well for his size.

Ken Times, a 6-2, 215-pound linebacker at Lake Howell High in Winter Park, was a pre-season *Prep Football Report* All-America. He made 112 tackles with four sacks and caused four fumbles as a junior, and has been



Will Lyell

described as coming from the same mold as All-Pro Mike Singletary. Times also won the state heavyweight wrestling championship and was undefeated in that sport. He lists Alabama, Florida, Clemson, Miami, Ohio State and Pittsburgh among his top choices.

Georgia

Columbus Carver linebacker **Derrick Burnett** is rated the top prospect in the Columbus/Phenix City, Alabama, area by the *Columbus Ledger-Inquirer*. The 6-2, 201-pound linebacker is a hard hitter who has gained a reputation among opponents for his play. Burnett plays for Coach Wallace Davis at a school that has produced at least one Division I signee in each of the last five years. Burnett's biggest drawback is his size, and one national recruiter ranks him the number 16 inside linebacker in the nation.

Valdosta High's **Dexter Daniels** is a three-year starter at one of Georgia's top football programs. He stands 6-2 and weighs 215 pounds, and helped lead his team to state championships as a sophomore and junior. Daniels bench presses 300 pounds and figures to add size as he ages. He is also a solid student and draws raves for his work habits.

Terry Davis of Columbus Kendrick rates just behind Burnett among Bi-City prospects. At 6-4, 235 pounds, he is one of the top tight end prospects in the Peach State. Davis is also a sound student, and has 4.7 speed and can bench press 400 pounds. Davis is a punter and a basketball starter as well. His biggest question marks are around

his pass-catching ability, since Kendrick runs a ground-oriented offense. Davis lists Alabama along with Georgia, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Ole Miss, Clemson, Florida, Tennessee and Vanderbilt among his choices.

Scott Freeney of Athens Clarke Central plays in the shadows of the University of Georgia campus. At 6-3, 245 pounds, Freeney runs the 40 in 4.6 seconds and plays tackle and defensive end for Coach Billy Henderson. He projects as a defensive end in college, and has started for four years in high school. Freeney, rated one of the state's top 11 prospects and one of *USA Today's* Super 25 prospects, lists Alabama along with Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Notre Dame and Syracuse among his college choices.

The Peach State's top tight end prospect is 6-6, 240-pound **Adam Meadows** of McEachern Powder Springs. Most scouts figure him to get even bigger, and cite his potential as unlimited. Meadows, a state Super 11 selection by the *Atlanta Constitution*, runs the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds and can bench press more than 300 pounds. He is also already an academic qualifier, and caught 16 passes for 378 yards as a junior with seven touchdowns. Alabama joins Tennessee, Clemson, Colorado and Georgia Tech among schools seeking his talents.

Collins Peaden of College Park Woodward Academy is another Super 11 pick. A defensive lineman who tips the scales at 270 pounds with a 6-4 frame, Peaden is an academic qualifier who counts Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Clemson, Kentucky and Florida among his schools of choice.

Dalton's **Patrick Rhodes** has major college size at 6-4, 265 pounds, and runs the 40 in 5.3 seconds. Dalton has produced a number of top college linemen, so his background is a plus. Rhodes is a solid student who bench presses 300 pounds, and scouts like his aggressiveness.

Walter Rouse of Cordele Crisp County is a defensive lineman who stands 6-4 and weighs 275 pounds. A state Super 11 selection, he has been clocked at under five seconds in the 40-yard dash. Some figure him as a potential NFL player, and scouts think he could also play in the offensive line. Rouse bench presses more than 300 pounds and is a solid student.

Athens Cedar Shoals linebacker **Ronnie Smith** may lead the pack in a big year for linebackers in Georgia. At 6-1, 240 pounds, he is strong with exceptional speed (4.6 in the 40). Smith



Kris Mangum

is considered a big hitter and his 405-pound bench press makes him even harder for linemen to handle.

Jr. Soli is a Samoan whose real first name is Faamoemoe, which explains why he prefers to be called Jr. At 6-2 and 280 pounds, he should be called anything he wants. Soli, who wants to study engineering, runs a 4.8 40-yard dash and can bench press 405 pounds. His cousin, Ricky Logo, plays at North Carolina State, and he lists the Wolfpack along with Alabama, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Arkansas, Clemson, Florida, Auburn and Vanderbilt among his top choices.

Decatur Southwest DeKalb's **Chris Turner** is considered one of the state's top prospects on the defensive line. The Super 11 selection is 6-4, 255 pounds, and has been timed at 4.7 in the 40. Turner, who also plays fullback, made nearly 100 tackles as a junior and caused nine fumbles, recovering six. He graded 87 percent on 404 plays and can bench press more than 400 pounds.

Linebacker **Chris Ward** plays alongside Turner at Southwest DeKalb, and has also drawn some recruiting attention. At 6-4, 240 pounds, Ward may also end up a lineman one day, but his 4.7 time in the 40 makes him a versatile prospect. Ward's range and speed impress scouts, as does his strength.

Dusty Zeigler tops most lists of offensive line prospects in Georgia. The Super 11 pick is 6-6, 245 pounds, and plays tackle at Springfield Effingham County. Zeigler figures to get even bigger in college, and his 4.9 speed has



Henry McCann

scouts drooling. He is a highly-rated blocker who gets off the ball well, and a 3.0 student who figures to qualify academically.

Kentucky

Bryan Rader is one in a long line of prospects from Louisville's Trinity High, the state's top football factory. Rader is a 6-2, 225-pound linebacker who may be leaning toward the Tide. Scouts like his strength and aggressiveness, though he may be overshadowed by linebacking mate **Joe Babey**. Babey is a 6-3, 215-pounder who draws raves from all scouts. Kentucky, Notre Dame, Purdue and Vanderbilt have been listed as his top choices.

Louisiana

Darren Benninger of Baker is a hard prospect to get a handle on, as some scouts project him at tight end, some at linebacker and others as a defensive lineman. Whatever the case, the 6-3, 220-pounder runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds and made more than 100 tackles with 15 sacks as a junior. Benninger bench presses less than 300 pounds, and will have to bring his strength up to par with his speed before he makes an impact on the college level.

Shreveport Woodlawn's **James Gillyard** is a 6-3, 205-pound linebacker prospect who may rate as the Bayou State's top stopper. He was an all-state pick and was named the top defensive player in the Shreveport area as a junior. Gillyard made nearly 100 tackles and intercepted four passes (including two returned for touchdowns in the same game) as a junior, and also played basketball. Some think he could end up

in the defensive backfield if he doesn't gain size. Even at his present size, his speed allows him to return kicks and punts for Woodlawn. Gillyard was rated one of the state's top 12 prospects by the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*.

JBertrant Ina (that's right - JBertrant) is a superior athlete who can bench press 315 pounds and squat 405. At 6-3, 260 pounds, he stood out at defensive end and tight end for Coach Harrison Pierre at Franklin High, but he missed much of his junior season with back spasms. A three-sport star (also plays basketball and baseball), Ina figures to be a major impact player if he picks up where he left off as a sophomore and overcomes his injury problems.

Another tight end prospect in a big year for that position in Louisiana is **David LaFleur**, a top 12 prospect. He stands 6-6 and weighs 260 pounds, and also plays linebacker. Scouts like his blocking and soft hands, as well as his honor student standing. He hopes to play for Notre Dame.

Mississippi

Will Lyell is one of the Magnolia State's most wanted. Lyell is a 6-5, 245-pound offensive lineman from Brandon who made the Dandy Dozen list of the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* and every other listing of top prospects in Mississippi. Lyell is in his third year starting for Coach Wally Bumpas at offensive tackle, where he was an all-state selection as a junior. Lyell runs the 40 in 5.05 seconds, has bench pressed 330 pounds, and is already an academic qualifier. Lyell lists Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Duke, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Notre Dame among his top choices.

If family ties are important, Alabama should rate high with Magee tight end **Kris Mangum**, younger brother of former Alabama defensive back John Mangum. Kris is the younger brother, but not the little brother at 6-5, 240 pounds. Mangum plays tight end and linebacker for Coach Johnny Mills, and is in his fourth year as a starter. Mangum caught 36 passes for 611 yards and made more than 100 tackles as a junior, and had 66 catches for more than 1,000 yards entering his senior season. Alabama joins LSU, UCLA, Tennessee and Michigan on his list of colleges.

Another Dandy Dozen pick, offensive lineman **Henry McCann** of Moss Point, stands 6-6 and weighs a healthy 280 pounds. McCann graded 87 percent as a junior tackle for Coach Jerry Alexander, and he figures to grow into



Richard Howard

a 300-pounder. He also placed second in the state in the shot put, and can bench press 300 pounds. Already an academic qualifier, McCann expects to choose from among Alabama, Florida, Clemson, Mississippi State and Ohio State.

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Two-way tackle **Robert Miller** of Hattiesburg is a big one at 6-5, 275 pounds. Miller runs the 40 in 5.2 seconds, and is in his third year of starting. Scouts like his work habits and think his best football may be ahead of him.

Alonzo Porter is a 6-4, 235-pound tight end from Starkville with 4.9 speed in the 40. Porter is an honor student and a superior blocker with good hands. He may be a sleeper.

Gulfport lineman **Will Symmes** is another in the sleeper mold, with Lyell and McCann gaining more recruiting attention. Symmes, a center, is 6-3 and 240 pounds, and is an excellent student with 4.9 speed in the 40. Scouts like his work habits and foot speed.

Orlando Trainer, a two-way tackle from Starkville, is a superior student with size at 6-2, 245 pounds. Trainer runs the 40 in 5.0 seconds, and is in his third year as a two-way starter. His future may lie on either side of the ball.

Tennessee

Memphis Westwood's **Taurick**

Boyd plays at a school that annually produces one of the best track teams in the Volunteer State, but don't expect to see this 6-5, 240-pound defensive tackle running the 100-yard dash. Boyd's speed in the 40-yard dash, 4.9, is exceptional for his size, and he used it to notch nine sacks as a junior. Boyd has the strength to fight off blocks and is a very physical prospect.

Richard Howard of Oak Ridge, near Knoxville, is one of the biggest prospects in the Southeast at 6-8, 304 pounds. Howard, a two-way tackle, can bench press 80 pounds more than his own weight and was a pre-season all-state pick who made some All-America teams. Howard says Alabama's Antonio London is his favorite player and Penn State his favorite college team. Those two schools join Miami, Florida State, Tennessee and Ohio State on his list of top choices for college.

Memphis East two-way end **Thomas Knight** rates highly because of his size (6-4, 230) and speed (4.8 in the 40).

While he has all the physical tools and is quick off the ball, Knight may suffer because he had only six catches with a run-oriented team as a junior. His 10 sacks, though, were tops in Memphis.

John Sartelle plays for small-school powerhouse Memphis University School, which annually produces a number of college players. The 6-4, 200-pound tight end runs a 4.8-second 40-yard dash and has a 3.2 grade-point average. While he needs to gain size to play in college, coaches like his explosiveness off the ball and his hands—he caught 15 passes for 239 yards as a sophomore.

Mark Upton is a 6-4, 265-pound tackle/defensive end at Soddy-Daisy in East Tennessee. Upton, who has already qualified academically, broke with family ties to commit to Tennessee. His mother attended Alabama and his brother is at Georgia Tech, but Upton cast his lot with the Vols, where his 4.9 speed and 315-pound bench press will be put to good use.

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Reviews:

Two Books, Videotape Musts For Tide Fans

As the celebration of the centennial year of Alabama football draws near, two tabletop histories of this impressive tradition have been published. Also available is a video documentary of Coach Paul Bryant's quarter-century reign—"The Legacy Lives." All three should be in bookstores through the Christmas season.

"The Legacy Lives—Cherished Memories of Paul 'Bear' Bryant" (Five Points Productions, 90 minutes, \$39.95), is written and co-produced by Al Browning, former sports editor of *The Tuscaloosa News* and author of **Bowl, Bama, Bowl**.

Using action clips from four decades blended with a biographical narrative and interviews, this video history recounts Bryant's quarter-century at the helm of the Crimson Tide. Attractive graphics and music video montages with soundtracks by Jeff Sauls and Rock Killough enhance the production.

The interviews with former coaches, players, staff and journalists include Gene Stallings, Pat Dye, Mal Moore, Lee Roy Jordan, Kenny Stabler, Ray Perkins, Jerry Duncan, Ozzie Newsome, Bob Baumhower, Jim Goosetree, Linda Knowles, Billy Varner, Alf Van Hoose, John Forney, and Kirk McNair.

Some of the anecdotes, like Goosetree's account of giving Bryant a ride in the young trainer's rattletrap auto from the athletic office to the old Druid Drug on University Boulevard, will bring knowing chuckles from admirers of Bryant's character. An appearance by Bob Hope includes a tall tale of a round of golf, and "having 12 tee shots blocked." Gene Stallings speaks of surviving the Junction, Texas, training camp, and of the Aggies getting routed in their first game under Bryant, only to find themselves at Kyle Field in game gear on Monday, "picking up where we left off."

A common theme the stories of former players present is how their surrogate father figure instilled an atmosphere of discipline and dedication into his fledgling program. Perkins says, "It was here that I learned discipline . . . he didn't give me any choice . . . it was either learn it, or quit and go home . . . When he echoed an idea, everyone echoed it. And believed it." Stabler adds, "I've cussed him, and in the same breath, loved him . . . for what he stood for . . . for what he made of our team. He was tough, demanding, and fair."

These are familiar comments, and already a dozen books have recreated the life and times of Paul Bryant. But the immediacy of the video format and the skillful editing of this production combine to make viewing "The Legacy Lives" a novel experience for an Alabama fan.

The incisive narrative and the emotional flavor of the testimonials gather force, accumulating until the final effect of this video is that it unifies the many voices res-

onating throughout the Alabama football family. One ultimately gains a conviction that the circle which men like Wade, Thomas and Bryant joined is indeed unbroken.

Recently, Coach Stallings speculated on what had enabled his team to pull out close victories against Tennessee, Mississippi State and LSU: "Our players are confident before the game is over we're going to find some kind of way to win. We've been a little lucky . . . but I think it may also be the legacy of Alabama."

To an outsider, "The Legacy Lives" might seem too nostalgic, and even sentimental, but for members of the Alabama football family who lived the Bryant years, these memories and relationships are all honored in the heart. Al Browning has done a masterful job of evoking them.

Century of Champions—The Centennial History of Alabama Football (Seacoast Publishing, 234 pages, \$14.95), is a tabletop trade paperback compiled by Wayne Hester, the Sports Editor of *The Birmingham News*.

This book blends a narrative history with reprints of press stories drawn from each period of Alabama football. The greater portion of the book deals with Bryant's tenure, and includes features on his death and funeral. Headlines such as these point the way—"Tide Unveils Wishbone, Upsets Mighty Trojans;" "Bama Slams Arkansas, Presents Case for Number One;" "Nation Joins State In Mourning Bryant." Hundreds of black and white game photographs accompany the text.

The game stories create a unique perspective as they progress from season to season and era to era. From the files of *The Birmingham News*, Zipp Newman, Benny Marshall, Alf Van Hoose, Jimmy Bryan, Charles Hollis and Clyde Bolton chronicle the development of Alabama's tradition.

It's fascinating to note the progressive changes in the style of sportswriting in **Century of Champions**. Newman, working in the time of Grantland Rice, wrote of games in purple, metaphoric prose, as if combining Homer and the Book of Revelations. Of Alabama's first Rose Bowl appearance in 1926, he pens: ". . . the plunging, ruthless Crimson Tide hurled the Purple Tornado of Washington far out into a dizzy sea. . . long will the feat of the fighting Crimson live in coast football history."

Recounting Alabama's 34-3 pounding of Tennessee during Bryant's first national championship season, Marshall takes a more subdued but still partisan approach: "No old ghosts roamed Legion Field Saturday, nor ancient whammies, and the Orange of Tennessee was a color that couldn't. Legion Field belonged, gloriously, to the Crimson of Alabama, flaming right

in the sun on this beautiful October afternoon."

Van Hoose records Alabama's 1971 rout by 31-7 of Pat Sullivan led Auburn in more modern fashion: "Another Alabama team rose to greatness Saturday. Millions saw it. Move over storied Rose Bowlers of fading memory, also three national champs of the 1960's."

The challenge of coaching and unifying Alabama after Bear Bryant has proven monumental, and has already daunted Ray Perkins and Bill Curry. A contemporary Hester feature on Gene Stallings suggests why the new man might succeed in doing so: "This is where he has wanted to be all along—working under the shadow of the man who taught him the business . . . 'The difference is I love (Bryant's) shadow,' said Stallings. 'It doesn't intimidate me at all.'"

Century of Champions contains an abundance of journalistic coverage for the Alabama sports buff. Included are complete appendices of performance statistics.

100 Years of Alabama Football (Longstreet Press, 162 pages, \$26.95) by Gene Schoor is an attractive, hard cover book with both color and black and white photographs, many from University of Alabama archives. Owning a copy is a bit like taking the Bryant Museum home with you.

This narrative is arranged through eras of football history, most defined by the tenures of Alabama's most dynamic coaches—Xen Scott, Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Red Drew, and Bear Bryant. Chapter layouts are divided into recaps of each season's campaign, broken only in the past century by the war years of 1898, 1918, and 1943.

Though much of the material is familiar, Schoor's approach creates fresh insights and gains momentum. Did you know that Wade invented the low-cut shoe to give Johnny Mack Brown more speed? That Thomas was a little man with a pipsqueak voice, and the cold, calculating ability of General Sherman on the march? That a friend of Bryant's said, "If I had been writing the senior class prophecy (it would have been): 'He'll be lucky to stay out of jail.'"

Interesting background is given for President George Denny's persistent role in fostering the sport at the Capstone, and for the benchmark victories of Alabama football, such as over Penn in '22, Washington in '26, Stanford in '35, Syracuse in '53, and Southern Cal in 1971.

And of course, the exploits of Alabama's most gifted and gutsy stars are highlighted—Van de Graff, Hubert, Brown, Howell, Hutson, Gilmer, Marlow, Trammell, and Neighbors, as well as those of modern era players.

—David S. DeWitt

1991-92 Alabama Winter Sports Schedules

Men's Basketball

87	Czech National (Exh.)	72
91	High Five America (Exh.)	56
76	@ Davidson	59
Nov. 27	Tennessee Tech	7:30
Dec. 1	Virginia	2:00
Dec. 3	U-T-Chattanooga	7:30
Tournament Of Champions @ Charlotte, N.C.		
Dec. 6	North Carolina State	8:00
Dec. 7	UNC-Charlotte or DePaul	
Dec. 14	Old Dominion	1:30
Dec. 18	The Citadel	7:30
Dec. 21	Southern Miss @ Biloxi	3:00
Rainbow Classic @ Honolulu (Each team plays 3 games)		
Dec. 27	Bradley	10:05
Dec. 28-	(Villanova, Fresno State, Hawaii	
Dec. 30	(Navy, Washington St., Wisconsin)	
Jan. 4	@ Mississippi State	7:00
Jan. 8	Arkansas (Jefferson-Pilot)	7:00
Jan. 11	Northeastern Illinois	1:30
Jan. 14	LSU (ESPN)	8:30
Jan. 18	@ Auburn	1:30
Jan. 22	Ole Miss	7:30
Jan. 25	@ Georgia	6:30
Jan. 28	@ South Carolina (ESPN)	8:30
Feb. 1	Florida	1:30
Feb. 5	@ Texas A&M	7:30
Feb. 8	Tennessee (Jefferson Pilot)	1:00
Feb. 12	@ Kentucky (Jefferson Pilot)	7:00
Feb. 19	Vanderbilt	7:30
Feb. 22	@ Arkansas (Jefferson Pilot)	1:00
Feb. 26	Mississippi State	7:30
Feb. 29	@ LSU (Jefferson Pilot)	1:00
Mar. 4	@ Ole Miss	7:00
Mar. 7	Auburn	1:30
Mar. 12-	SEC Tournament	
Mar. 15	@ Birmingham	

(All times central)

Women's Basketball

61	Australian National (Exh.)	69
81	@ Tulane	58
Nov. 26	Alabama State	7:00
DePaul Invitational @ Chicago		
Nov. 29	Northeast Louisiana	8:00
Nov. 30	DePaul or Southwest Texas State	
Dec. 2	@ Loyola	7:00
Middle Tennessee Invitational @ Murfreesboro		
Dec. 6	Cincinnati	8:00
Dec. 7	MTSU or Western Carolina	
Dec. 15	@ Vanderbilt	2:00
Dec. 17	@ Austin Peay	5:30
Shoney's Classic @ Tuscaloosa		
Dec. 19	Jackson State	6:00
Dec. 20	Houston or MTSU	
Jan. 4	Florida	7:00
Jan. 8	@ Mississippi Valley State	7:00
Jan. 11	@ South Carolina	1:00
Jan. 13	@ Appalachian State	6:00
Jan. 18	LSU	7:00
Jan. 26	@ Tennessee	1:00
Jan. 28	@ Xavier	6:00
Feb. 1	*Kentucky	7:00
Feb. 6	@ Alabama State	7:00
Feb. 8	*Mississippi State	7:00
Feb. 12	Auburn	5:30
Feb. 15	@ Ole Miss	7:00
Feb. 20	Oral Roberts	7:00
Feb. 22	*@ Arkansas	7:00
Feb. 24	Mississippi Valley State	7:00
Feb. 29	Georgia	7:00
March 6-	SEC Tournament	
March 9	@ Albany, Georgia	

(All times central)

*Doubleheader with men's team

Gymnastics

Jan. 11	@ Auburn	TBA
Jan. 17	North Carolina State	7:30
Jan. 19	@ Arizona State	TBA
Jan. 25	Nebraska	7:30
Jan. 31	@ Kentucky	TBA
Feb. 7	@ LSU	TBA
Feb. 16	Masters Classic @ Lincoln, Neb.	2:00
Feb. 22	Georgia	7:30
March 8	Florida	2:00
March 14	@ Georgia	
March 20	Auburn	7:30
March 28	SEC Championships	TBA
@ Baton Rouge, La.		
April 11	NCAA Regionals	TBA
@ Columbia, Mo.		
April 24-25	NCAA Championships	TBA
@ Minneapolis, Minn.		

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Men's Track

Jan. 18	Saluki Invitational Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 24-25	U.S. Air Invitational Johnson City, Tenn.
Feb. 1	Tiger Classic Baton Rouge, La.
Feb. 7-8	Indiana Invitational Bloomington, Ind.
Feb. 22-23	SEC Championships Gainesville, Fla.
March 7	Last Chance Invitational Murfreesboro, Tenn.
March 13-14	NCAA Championships Indianapolis, Ind.

Men's Swimming

100	Tennessee	136
98	@ South Carolina	143
100	@ Georgia	138
137	LSU	95
60	@ Delta State	35
Nov. 21-23	Rammer Jammer Invitational (Vanderbilt, Florida, Auburn, North Carolina)	
Nov. 29-	@ U.S. Open Championships	
Dec. 1	@ Minneapolis, Minn.	
Dec. 5-8	Meet Of Champions All Day	
Jan. 9-11	@ Texas Invitational (Diving)	
Jan. 18	@ Auburn 11:00 a.m.	
Feb. 5-8	SEC Championships All Day	
Feb. 13-16	NCAA Regionals All Day	
March 1-6	@ Olympic Trials Indianapolis, Ind.	
March 13-14	@ NCAA Diving Qualification	
March 26-28	@ NCAA Championships Indianapolis, Ind.	

(All times central)

Women's Swimming

100	Tennessee	136
136	@ South Carolina	100
103.5	@ Georgia	139.5
100	LSU	136
76	@ Delta State	19
Nov. 21-23	Rammer Jammer Invitational (Vanderbilt, Florida, Auburn, North Carolina)	
Nov. 29-	@ U.S. Open Championships	
Dec. 1	@ Minneapolis, Minn.	
Dec. 5-8	Meet Of Champions All Day	
Jan. 9-11	@ Texas Invitational (Diving)	
Jan. 17	@ Auburn 7:00 p.m.	
Feb. 5-8	SEC Championships All Day	
Feb. 13-16	NCAA Regionals All Day	
March 1-6	@ Olympic Trials Indianapolis, Ind.	
March 13-14	@ NCAA Diving Qualification	
March 19-21	@ NCAA Championships Austin, Texas	

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Women's Track

Jan. 18	Saluki Invitational Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 24-25	U.S. Air Invitational Johnson City, Tenn.
Feb. 1	Tiger Classic Baton Rouge, La.
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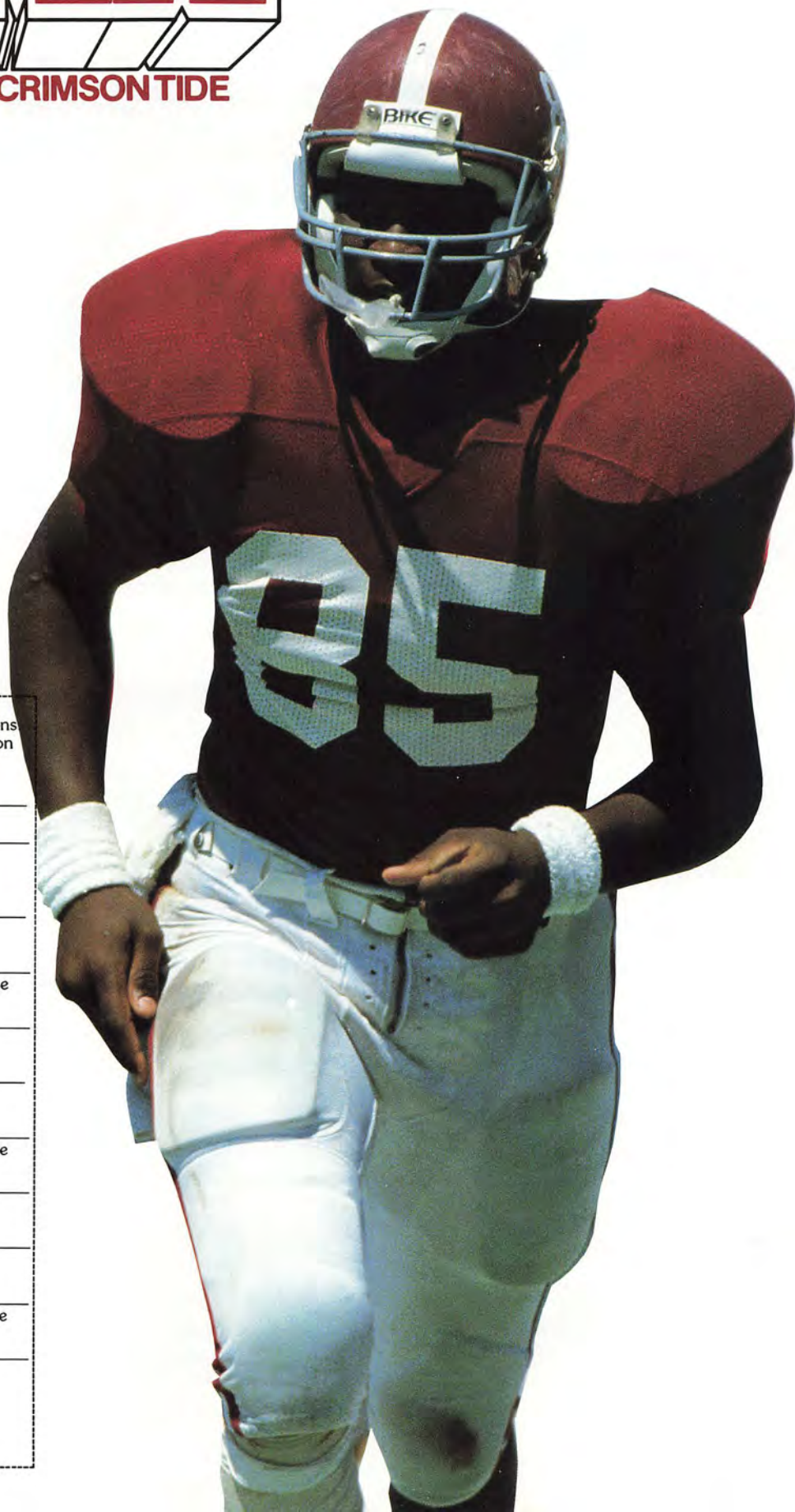
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TEMPLE Owens Philadelphia, Pa.		@ ALABAMA (Birmingham) 3-41	@ Pittsburgh 7-26	@ Clemson 7-37	Howard 40-0	Penn State 7-24	@ West Virginia 9-10	Navy 21-14		@ Syracuse 6-27	Boston College 13-33	@ Rutgers 0-41	Aaron 32-37	
FLORIDA Gators Gainesville, Fla.		San Jose State 59-21	ALABAMA (Gainesville) 35-0	@ Syracuse 21-38	Mississippi State (Orlando) 29-7	@ LSU 16-0	Tennessee 35-18	Northern Illinois 41-10		@ Auburn 31-10	Georgia (Jacksonville) 45-13	Kentucky 35-26	Florida State	
GEORGIA Bulldogs Athens, Ga.	Western Carolina 48-0	LSU 31-10		@ ALABAMA (Tuscaloosa) 0-10	Cal State Fullerton 27-14	Clemson 27-12	@ Ole Miss 37-17	@ Vanderbilt 25-27	Kentucky 49-27		Florida (Jacksonville) 13-45	Auburn 37-27	@ Georgia Tech	
VANDERBILT Commodores Nashville, Tenn.		@ Syracuse 10-37	SMU 14-11	LSU 14-16	ALABAMA (Nashville) 7-42	@ Duke 13-17	Auburn 22-24	Georgia 27-25	@ Ole Miss 30-27	@ Army 41-10	Kentucky 17-7			@ Tennessee
U-I-CHATTANOOGA Moccasins Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee- Martin 21-14	Tennessee Tech 41-14		The Citadel 33-26	@ Appalachian State 7-42	@ ALABAMA (Birmingham) 7-53		@ Western Carolina 24-27	Marshall 38-31	Western Kentucky 26-22	@ East Tennessee State 43-26	@ Furman 21-24	VMI 50-14	
TULANE Green Wave New Orleans, La.	Ole Miss 3-22	@ Florida State 11-38	@ Mississippi State 0-48	Rice 19-28	Syracuse 0-24	SMU 17-31	@ ALABAMA (Tuscaloosa) 0-62	@ Southern Miss 14-47		@ East Carolina 28-38	Navy 34-7		LSU 20-39	
TENNESSEE Volunteers Knoxville, Tenn.		Sept. 5 @ Louisville 28-11	UCLA 30-16	Mississippi State 26-24	Auburn 30-21		@ Florida 18-35	@ ALABAMA (Birmingham) 19-24		Memphis State 52-24	@ Notre Dame 35-34	Ole Miss 36-25	@ Kentucky 16-7	Vanderbilt
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